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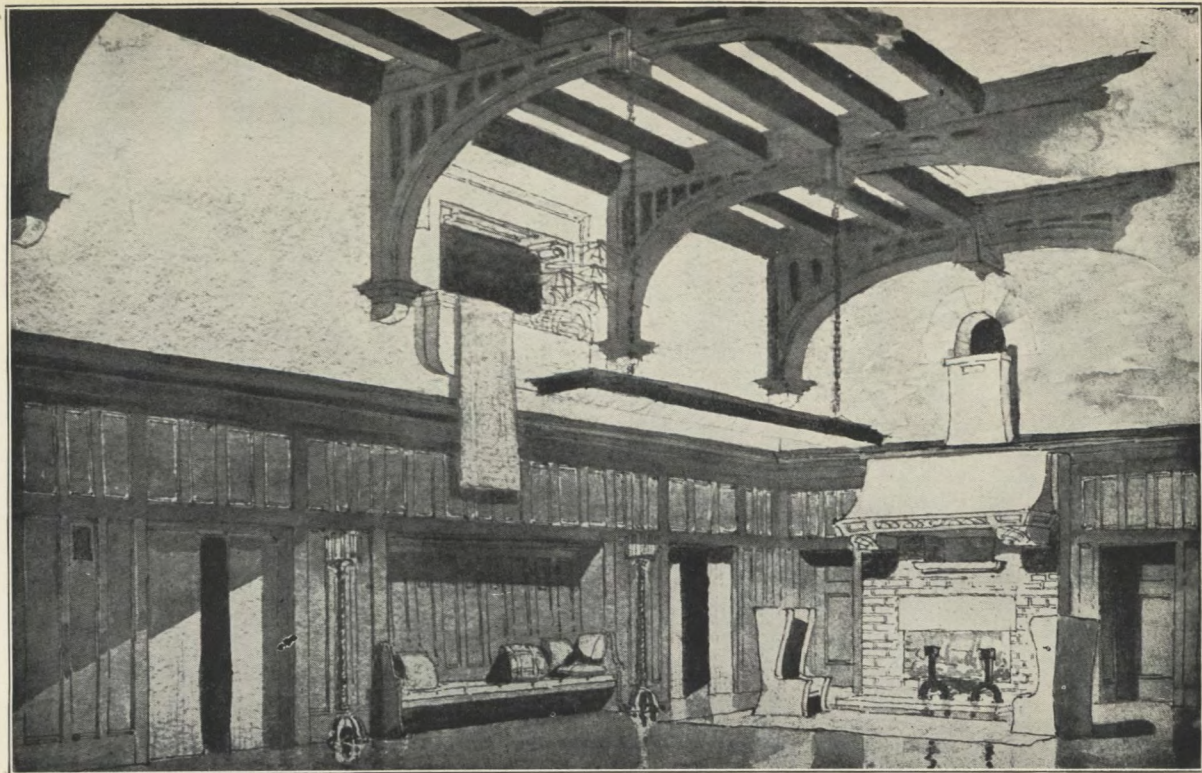
Come! 'twill be gain
On our own Special train,
Nothing but pleasure, all at the best
Venture out, out to the West!
Every Theta of our band
Now on California's strand
To you royal greeting offers
In the gayest spirit proffers.
Oft 'tis Theta's joy to mention
NATIONAL CONVENTION.



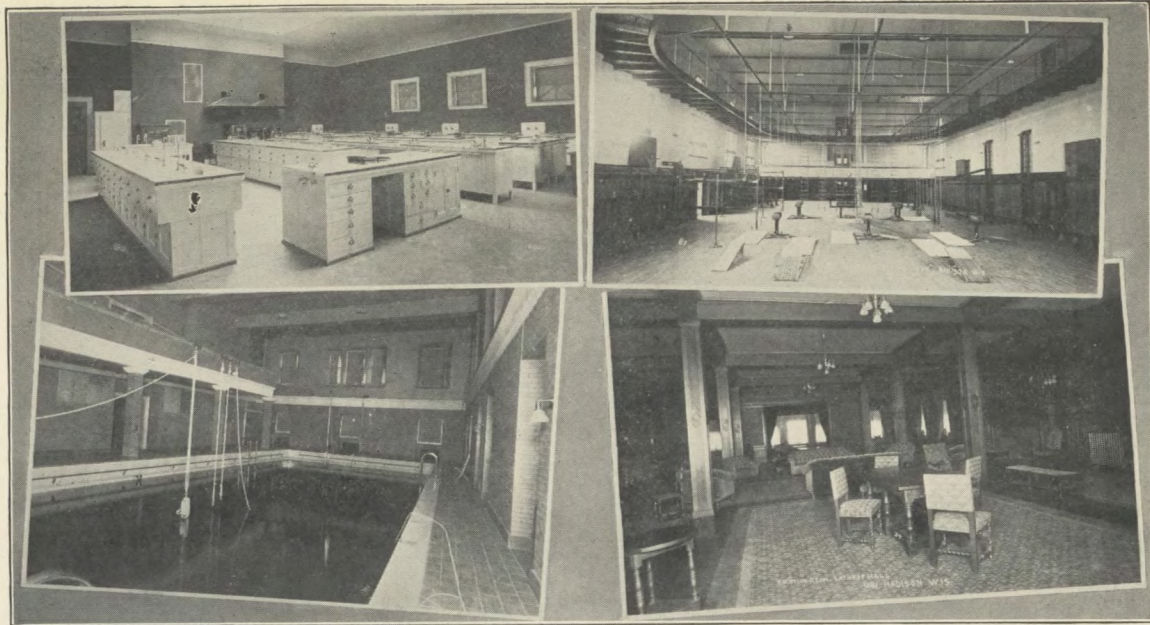
LATHROP HALL—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN



ALICE SHEVLIN HALL—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



INTERIOR ALICE SHEVLIN HALL—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Domestic Science Laboratory
Swimming Hall

Gymnasium
Reception Room

INTERIOR VIEWS OF LATHROP HALL

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FRATERNITY EXTENSION

In these days when the question of extension is constantly before the different women's fraternities it may be interesting to see to what extent certain fraternities have enlarged the number of their chapters. We have attempted to show this by statistical tables.

We have made reference to Bairds' *Manual of American college fraternities*, 1905 edition, and to Ida Shaw Martin's *Sorority handbook*, 1909 edition. Data have been secured also from officers of the fraternities mentioned and for this service we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness.

The tabulated lists which we have compiled will speak for themselves; comment seems unnecessary. As to the fraternities included, we have taken the National Panhellenic list as we are under obligation to recognize as "nationals" only those that meet its standard.

M. Grace Vance, Josephine Branaby, Mu alumnae chapter.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS OF FRATERNITIES, 1875-1910

No.	FRATERNITIES	Found- ed	1875	1885	1895	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
1	Pi Beta Phi	1867	5	14	24	34	35	37	39	40	43
2	Kappa Alpha Theta ..	1870	5	14	19	25	27	28	28	32	32
3	Kappa Kappa Gamma	1870	7	22	27	30	32	33	33	34	35
4	Delta Gamma	1872	1	12	13	16	17	18	18	18	19
5	Alpha Phi	1872	1	3	8	12	14	14	14	14	15
6	Gamma Phi Beta	1874	1	3	6	12	12	12	13	14	14
7	Sigma Kappa	1874	1	1	1	3	6	6	8	8	10
8	Alpha Chi Omega	1885		1	6	9	10	13	15	15	16
9	Delta Delta Delta	1888			13	23	23	23	26	28	31
10	Chi Omega	1895			1	16	18	19	20	23	25
11	Alpha Omicron Pi ...	1897				6	6	7	11	11	12
12	Zeta Tau Alpha	1898				8	8	8	7	8	11
13	Alpha Xi Delta	1902				11	11	14	15	16	16
14	Delta Zeta	1902				1	1	1	2	4	6
15	Alpha Gamma Delta ..	1904				2	3	3	8	9	9
16	Alpha Delta Phi	1851	1	1	1	2	5	7	7	6	10
	Total		22	71	119	210	228	243	264	280	304

GROWTH OF WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES IN THE PAST TEN YEARS.

We present herewith a diagram showing the growth of women's fraternities in the ten years from 1900 to 1910. A similar table appeared recently in *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta and this we used as a model. The material from which the table is made has been procured from the secretaries of the fraternities so we are sure it is correct. We have placed first Chi Omega which shows the greatest gain in the ten years—seventeen chapters, and arranged the rest in the order of their gain placing Alpha Phi last for she has gained but five chapters. The perpendicular line marks the year 1900 while the length of line to the left indicates the size of the fraternity in 1900, while the length of line to the right indicates the growth since that year. It is interesting to note that the number of chapters has doubled in ten years.

CHAPTERS CHARTERED, AND CHAPTERS LOST, BY FRATERNITIES
1905 TO 1910.

Alpha Chi Omega—Southern California, Syracuse, Simpson, Colorado, Nebraska, Baker, California, Washington state.

Alpha Delta Phi—Salem (chartered and died), Mary Baldwin (chartered and died), Texas, Sophie Newcomb, Southwestern, Alabama (chartered and died), Lawrence, Florida Woman's, Randolph-Macon, Judson, Brenau, Alabama Women's.

Alpha Gamma Delta—Syracuse, Wisconsin, Wesleyan, Minnesota, Kentucky, Ohio, De Pauw.

Alpha Omicron Pi—California, Brown (chartered and died) Tufts (Jackson), Maine, Cornell, Northwestern, Stanford.

Alpha Phi—Nebraska, Toronto, Missouri.

Alpha Xi Delta—West Virginia, Illinois, Tufts (Jackson), Minnesota, Washington State, Kentucky State.

Chi Omega—Michigan, Colorado, Barnard, Dickinson, Florida Woman's, Colby, Washington state, Oregon, Tufts (Jackson).

Number of Chapters 1900			New Chapters in 10 Yrs.	Chapters 1910
8		<u>X Ω</u>	17	25
0		<u>Α Ξ Δ</u>	16	16
17		<u>Δ Δ Δ</u>	14	31
31		<u>Π Β Φ</u>	12	43
22		<u>Κ Α Θ</u>	10	32
1		<u>Ζ Τ Α</u>	10	11
1		<u>Σ Κ</u>	9	10
3		<u>Α Ο Π</u>	9	12
0		<u>Α Γ Δ</u>	9	9
1		<u>Α Δ Φ</u>	9	10
26		<u>Κ Κ Γ</u>	9	35
8		<u>Α Χ Ω</u>	8	16
8		<u>Γ Φ Β</u>	6	14
0		<u>Δ Ζ</u>	6	6
14		<u>Δ Γ</u>	6	19
10		<u>Α Φ</u>	5	15
150	Total		155	304

Delta Delta Delta—Randolph-Macon, Transylvania, Colby, De Pauw, Stanford, Washington State, Colorado, Oklahoma, Oregon.

Delta Gamma—Illinois, California, Adelphi, Mt. Union (died), Missouri.

Delta Zeta—Cornell, DePauw, Indiana, Nebraska, Baker.

Gamma Phi Beta—Stanford, Oregon, Idaho.

Kappa Alpha Theta—Washington, Adelphi, Washington State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Montana, Oregon, Albion (died).

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Washington State, Adelphi, West Virginia, Montana, Kentucky.

Pi Beta Phi—Iowa State (restored), Stanford (restored), Washington, Washington State, Toronto, Arkansas, Wooster, Oklahoma, Wyoming.

Sigma Kappa—Syracuse, George Washington, Brown, Illinois Wesleyan, Illinois, Denver, California, Washington State.

Zeta Tau Alpha—Virginia State Normal (died), Mary Baldwin Seminary (died), Bethany, Judson, Texas, Southwestern, Drury, Alabama, Southern California.

ALICE SHEVLIN HALL, MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Several years ago, the Young Women's Christian association and the Woman's league started a fund, for a building entirely for women. They worked hard and long over the fund, until finally the secretary of the Christian association succeeded in interesting Mr. Shevlin in the project. He donated \$60,000 as a memorial, for his wife, Alice Shevlin. The building was completed about five years ago and since that time, has been immensely enjoyed by the university women.

On the first floor are the parlors, reading room, dance hall, and the office of the Dean of women. The parlors are large,

tastefully decorated rooms, one of which was furnished by the Young Women's Christian association and is called the association parlor. The reading room contains a large table, upon which are all the current magazines, obtained from a fund donated by the women's organizations. At one end of this room is a large fireplace, around which are comfortable chairs and lounges. This makes a most agreeable place for the 'fireside hours' which the matron holds twice a week. At these gatherings, which any girl may attend, some good story is read aloud while the girls sew, or merely rest.

The study rooms, rest-room, and the matron's office, are on the second floor. The one large study room, contains three long tables, and in this room no talking is allowed. The Bible classes meet in the smaller study rooms. In the rest-room are twelve comfortable cots, which fairly invite the girls to take a nap.

In the basement are locker rooms, and the cafeteria which has become one of the most important parts of Shevlin Hall. When the hall was first opened they served sandwiches and coffee each noon, to only a few girls. But the number of girls grew so rapidly that soon, with the help of the regents, a dining-room was furnished. Last year the dining-room was made even larger. Often 400 girls are served at noon. The cafeteria is run, not to make money, but merely to keep even, so the girls obtain their lunches at a small price.

The entire hall is governed by committees—one for each floor. These committees are changed each month so that in the course of a year, quite a number of girls have a share in the work.

Shevlin Hall may be had at any time for parties for women, by a card signed by twenty girls handed to the matron. Each girl, may however, attend only three parties a year to which men are invited. Each women's fraternity may have the hall one night a year for a dance.

The atmosphere of Shevlin Hall is most pleasing. The com-

fortable resting places and tasty decorations, delight every girl and make it an ideal place for meeting and making friends.

Margaret McCampbell.

LATHROP HALL, WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY

The University of Wisconsin boasts the finest, largest, most beautifully and fully equipped building for women in the northwest, or, indeed, we believe even in a much larger area. The building, opened in the spring of 1910, was designed by Mr. Arthur Peabody (father of Marion Peabody, Psi, '09) and cost, when completely furnished, in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

The basement floor is devoted to kitchens, a dining-room—where seventy students board—regulation sized bowling-alleys, showers, and a swimming tank which measures 26x60 feet, is three feet deep at the shallow end and seven feet deep at the other. The dining-room, mission-finished and decorated in blue, is the pride of this floor for its beauty, as are the bowling-alleys for their novelty.

On the first floor are a large cafeteria where from forty to one hundred and thirty students eat, according to the time of day, the parlor, a rest-room, the Self government association room, offices for the Dean of women, the secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, and the matron of Lathrop hall, and also rooms for the various literary societies. The parlor furnishings are dark mission furniture, with old rose and tapestry upholstery, and large rugs of old rose. A beautiful fire-place with dark-wood mantle, just opposite the wide doors of the room, is one of the most striking and artistic features. The small rest-room at one side is airily and daintily furnished in wicker and light crétonne cushions.

A mammoth gymnasium, with gallery and running track, showers, and a concert hall, occupy the second floor. The

gymnasium is a model of completeness. For an illustration of its detailed equipment, one need but cite the rowing machines placed in what would otherwise be useless corners of the running track. Between the gymnasium and the concert hall is a good sized stage, which opens on either room or both, thus facilitating large or small audiences and dancing parties.

On the third floor are the running track, showers, and gallery to the concert hall. On the fourth floor are the domestic science laboratories, consisting of a large white-enameled kitchen and rooms where painting, sewing and fabric-weaving are taught.

Lathrop hall provides distinctly for the social side of the women's life at the university. The literary societies, the Young Women's Christian association, the Self government association, and all academic classes find places for their meetings and parties; besides these, all the sororities give one party annually, usually the formal, in either the parlor or concert hall. And moreover, the vital center of a democratic university society, the gymnasium, benefits between five and six hundred girls. *F. Leotta Van Vliet.*

GRAND CONVENTION

The nineteenth biennial Grand convention of Kappa Alpha Theta will convene for its first session July 11, 1911, at the Hotel Maryland, Pasadena, California. There, convention will be the guest of the California Thetas. Four California chapters—Iota alumnae, Phi, Omega, and Upsilon alumnae—and many alumnae living throughout the state, will be our hostesses.

It is interesting to note that among the 350 odd Thetas in California, all but nine of the present college chapters are represented, beside Theta, Pi, Indiana Gamma, Nu, and Omicron from the inactive list. All this cosmopolitan Theta-hood unites to give you welcome and a glorious good time.

To the north, Alpha Lambda and Omicron alumnæ extend a cordial invitation to all Thetas to return from convention via Seattle and allow them the opportunity of playing hostess in turn.

The exceptionally low rates granted for the N. E. A. in San Francisco will be available for us. The rates are: from all Missouri river points \$50; from St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans \$57.50; from Chicago \$62.50; from St. Paul \$63.50, with corresponding rates from other points. These tickets provide liberal stop-overs both going and returning, with the privilege of going by one route and returning by another without extra charge, except the usual extra if going or returning via Portland gateway.

From Chicago we will travel by Special train, those going from points west of Chicago joining the Special at connecting points en route. For the accommodation of the married Thetas, one car will be reserved for those accompanied by husbands. Fathers, mothers, sisters, children of Thetas may also have a reservation upon the Special, where they will be welcome guests.

This Special train will consist of new up-to-date standard Pullman sleepers, a combination baggage and library car, observation car, and dining cars sufficient to serve the party. Dining car service will be a la carte.

The itinerary for the Special will probably be as follows:

Leave Chicago, Monday, July 3, 10:30 p. m. C. & N. W. ry.

Leave Omaha, Tuesday, July 4, 3 p. m. U. P. ry.

Arrive Denver, Wednesday, July 5, 7 a. m.

DAY AT DENVER

Leave Denver, Thursday July 6, 1 a. m. D. & R. G. ry.

Arrive Colorado Springs, Thursday July 6, 4 a. m.

DAY AT COLORADO SPRINGS AND MANITOU

Leave Colorado Springs, Friday, July 7, 4 a. m.

Arrive Salt Lake City, Saturday July 8, 9 a. m.

DAY AT SALT LAKE

Leave Salt Lake City, Saturday, July 8, 3 p. m. So. Pac. ry

Arrive Lake Tahoe, Sunday July 9, 10 a. m.

TRIP AROUND THE LAKE

Leave Lake Tahoe Sunday, July 9, 5:30 p. m.

Arrive Oakland, Monday, July 10, 7 a. m.

DAY SPENT AT BERKELEY AND STANFORD

Leave Palo Alto, Monday July 10, 6:30 p. m.

Arrive Los Angeles, Tuesday, July 11, 8 a. m.

The Special will be parked during the various stop-overs, thus being always at our service and obviating the necessity of any hotel bills en route. Owing to the present order for a reduction in Pullman fares, we can not today quote the berth rate for the Special, but it will be less than \$20 from Chicago. (The usual rate, with no stop-over parking privileges, is \$14 at present.)

Always at convention there is general lament because we have so short a time to be together. This time that Special train will remove this cause of regret. Think of the fellowship possible on that week's journey together; of the privilege of sight-seeing en route with congenial fraternity sisters. Such an opportunity for Theta reunion has never been before. You can not afford to miss this opportunity to participate in the most unique and valuable incident in Theta annals so far. Decide to have a California holiday. Get aboard the Special. Attend convention. Afterward, the Pacific coast and the mountains offer you great choice of a gay, or a quiet, resort wherein to spend the rest of your holiday in great comfort at modest expense.

The fraternity counts on you to make the trip of this Special a glorious success. Don't fail Kappa Alpha Theta, for you will be sorry ever afterward if you do. You can go to Europe or the famous resorts any time, but this is your one chance

(for years probably) to participate in a traveling Theta house-party, which is making the acquaintance of the beauties and wonders of our own country while cultivating friends, and which, in the end, will enjoy the greatest fraternity experience—a Grand convention.

An attractive itinerary booklet will be issued by the railroads. All information as to tickets, arrangements, can be procured from the Grand treasurer, Edith D. Cockins, 1348 Neil avenue, Columbus, Ohio; through whom all tickets must be purchased and all reservations for the Special made.

Convention program details are not yet settled. These and further particulars of the trip will be announced in the May JOURNAL. Meantime make your plans to go, and write the Grand Secretary of your plans and ask any questions you choose; the latter will be promptly and cheerfully answered.

L. Pearle Green, Grand Secretary.

THE CONVENTION

A Kappa Alpha Theta Convention in California! At last our dream is to be realized, and it is for the western Thetas to prove themselves worthy of this great honor. Three thousand miles is a long distance for some of you to come but you will be repaid by the beautiful scenery of America, your own country. The grandeur of the Grand Canyon of Arizona, the wonders of Yellowstone Park, the sublimity of the Yosemite may all be enjoyed at a small additional expense, by varying your route going and coming.

No climate anywhere in the world is equal in comfort to a California *coast* climate in July. A blue sky surpassing the Venetian, a rainless month without humidity, and cool enough every night to require blankets, and certainly a climate far ahead in comfort of anything ever obtained east of the Rockies during any recent convention.

All who wish may now engage reservations by writing to Hotel Maryland, corner Colorado and Los Robles, Pasadena, California. The management of the hotel will have everything arranged for occupancy on advised date of arrival. Comfortable commodious rooms, accomodating up to four hundred people, and attractive homelike bungalows on the grounds for those who wish more quiet and seclusion, are to be had at the Maryland. The hotel is in a quiet and yet central part of the city and there will be nothing to detract from the work of the Convention. The rates offered are as follows:

2 in a room without bath \$3.00 apiece.

2 in a room with bath \$3.50 apiece.

1 in a room without bath \$3.50

1 in a room with bath \$4.00.

The hotel offers us a dance free of charge if we wish one, and an automobile ride about Pasadena will be donated by the Board of Trade.

Pasadena has a world wide reputation for its beauty, nestled beneath the beautiful Sierra Madre mountains, and only two hours ride by trolley from the grand old Pacific ocean. Surrounded by the picturesque orange groves of the fertile San Gabriel valley, Pasadena is a little less than three days from Chicago on the Santa Fé railroad, 14 hours or 500 miles from San Francisco and nine miles from Los Angeles, the flourishing business center and beautiful residence city. Pasadena is only a short ride on the trolley cars from the old Mission San Gabriel, the Lucky Baldwin Ranch, Sierra Madre, Los Angeles, Long Beach.

Remember that you cannot make any change in your ticket after you reach California, and it is important that you make careful selection of return route when purchasing. Two routes are available from Los Angeles going north to San Francisco, both via the Southern Pacific, and tickets are honored via either route. One, the Coast line, goes through Santa Barbara, Paso Robles, Monterey, San Jose, Palo Alto and San Francisco;

second, the Valley line, through the San Joaquin Valley to San Francisco. Your ticket costs no more via San Francisco, than direct east from Los Angeles.

Now, remember that this is to be the greatest Convention ever, and class reunions and chapter gatherings are to be the main feature. "Good fellowship" is our slogan and we mean to get acquainted with each other. Come and blaze the trail for Thetas of future generations!

Tod Bethell Nichols, Iota alumnae.

GREETINGS

Thetas from near and far, Phi wishes to extend to you a most hearty welcome for the 1911 convention! We can not tell you how glad we are that we are to have you with us, where we can really learn to know you, some of you at least, far better than by name. Just think of the good times we can have together!

As yet we know little of the plans but promise you that we shall do all possible to make our gathering a jolly, as well as a profitable one.

So everybody come! We want you, and again we welcome you. Hurrah for the California convention! *Phi.*

I was delighted to receive word that convention will be with us. It will mean much to Thetas here to have tangible evidence of the national organization which has been only a name to many. *Mary L. Gilbert, President Gamma Alpha district.*

Be assured of a royal welcome from California to all Thetas. Our standard bears the slogan "Nineteen eleven best Theta convention ever." Please accept our earnest thanks to you all for faith in your "wild and wooly" western sisters. Every-



STUDENT BUILDING, INDIANA UNIVERSITY



WOMAN'S BUILDING—ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

body come and see us and we will give you a good time and do you good. (Night letter from)

Grace Lavayea, President Iota alumnae.

We are delighted that at last we are to have a convention, and an opportunity to welcome you all to California. *Omega.*

STUDENTS BUILDING, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

There is no place in Indiana university which brings Kappa Alpha Theta into as close contact with the student-body as the Student building does. There her ideals are put to a test and used for the good of others.

For a number of years the spirit of student democracy grew so rapidly, that there came a demand for a building which should be exclusively for students and their affairs. In answer to this demand the Student building was built. The planning of such a building required much skill, for it really had to be three buildings in one. There must be a general assembly hall, which might serve either as a chapel or ball-room. The men of the university must have a place for their smokers; and the girls also must have a place for their functions. The Student building admirably fills all these demands; it is beautiful without and useful within.

There are three entrances: on one side to the women's part, with its reception rooms and quiet study; on the other side to the men's part, where are the headquarters of the Indiana union, an organization that aims to foster good-fellowship and a united spirit of patriotism; in the center to a large room where are held mass-meetings and class dances.

The Indiana union has become a great force in the university. Every man belongs, and the red buttons which they wear stamp them as men of Indiana university, not of any particular fraternity or class.

The girls are pushing a movement for similar organization. On their side they give charming Women's league teas every month. Upstairs are the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association, to which almost every woman student belongs.

On each side there is a gymnasium and swimming pool. All three parts of the building—on the first floor—can be thrown together into an immense hall for large functions.

In the affairs that center in the Student building, we are brought face to face with all the girls of the university. Whether it be in business meetings, in religious gatherings, or at social functions and dances, our ideals and principles are here measured with those of others. We realize here Theta's opportunity as a real factor in the university. *Mabel Dunn '13.*

THE WOMAN'S BUILDING, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

The Woman's building at Illinois may be considered under three heads: the Household science department, the gymnasium and the Woman's hall. The building itself has three separate divisions, each running independently of the other.

The course in household science is one of the best in the country. It is a four years' course leading to a degree. Many girls come to Illinois simply for the advantages offered in this study; in fact, it would probably be safe to say that one-third of the women students are registered here. One division of the Woman's building is given up to the class-rooms, kitchens, sewing rooms, and other necessary equipment for the carrying on of this work.

The amount and quality of work in the gymnasium can not be over estimated. It is situated in the middle division of the building and contains, besides the large gymnasium on the second floor, the locker rooms, the showers, the pool and the office rooms on the first floor. There is a constant going and

coming to gymnasium classes, as well as to those in household science, which makes the Woman's building a much frequented and very busy place.

The Woman's hall contains one large parlor down-stairs and three smaller ones up-stairs. At the south entrance there is a large porch, with a balcony the same size, both of which contain porch swings and comfortable porch furniture. The parlors are open at all times to the women students. They are very handsomely furnished and though large seem cozy and home-like. The girls who live in crowded rooming-houses find a pleasant relief in spending their spare moments here, reading and studying. There has been some talk of opening these rooms in the evening for those girls who wish to entertain men and have no suitable place, as is the case with most of the non-fraternity girls.

The office of the Dean of women is situated across the hall from the first floor parlor. And here all girls come for advice, sympathy, or for no reason at all, knowing that they will always be welcomed.

All women's organizations, including the Women's league, may hold their committee meetings and parties in the parlors. Here also the President holds his annual reception to the faculty; and the Dean of women gives her receptions and "at homes." The Woman's building is one of the greatest factors in uniting all the women students into a close relationship.

M. L. P. Delta.

SOME PHASES OF PANHELLENIC PROBLEMS

New recruiting method

THE present system of rushing as used by all college fraternities is to most people the greatest blot upon our life. It is the first thing by which outsiders judge us and college faculties criticise us. Alumnae feel almost disgraced and draw

a breath of relief when the season is over. Active members themselves are dissatisfied; the physical and financial strain is too much for them and the work for which they were sent to college is neglected.

Local and national Panhellenic associations have been formed to take up all fraternity matters, but they have been forced to spend all or nearly all of their time on rushing rules. They have formulated all sorts of rules with long and short seasons, restrictions as to the number and elegance of functions, rules as to the conduct of the rusher and rushee, and so on, until the conduct of everyone is forced and unnatural during the very period when she should be natural.

Fraternities themselves have formulated policies to be carried out by their chapters, but so far no plan has been made to fit the needs of all chapters. College faculties have tried to control rushing with little or no success.

Since no one seems able to rectify the system, perhaps the system itself is at fault. If the old means of making new membership has failed, why not look for a new method?

While fraternities were new and their lives not assured, it was necessary to make the chapters as attractive as possible, to entertain lavishly and to ask students to join them. That puts the upperclassmen in the wrong light. It puts the freshman in the position, where he confers honor upon the fraternity in choosing to accept its invitation, hurts it in refusing the invitation. Both freshmen and upperclassmen neglect their college work and the freshmen naturally believe that the fraternity stands for such neglect and low scholarship, and that its chief object is pleasure.

Couldn't this condition be rectified were this system turned around? Would it not be better for freshmen to apply for membership? Would we lose by being chosen and being allowed to confer all honors ourselves?

Statistics show that fraternities have a strong hold, with a large and influential membership. Valuable property is in their

hands. Their popularity has been such that they have become known and appreciated. Few high school students are ignorant of the various organizations when they enter college. It does not take a college student long to see why he should or should not join certain organizations.

Why not let the student enter college regularly? Let her apply herself to her studies and make herself acquainted with the college life. Let the fraternity people lead regular lives so that the new people may know them under real and not forced conditions. If the student wishes to become a member of any fraternity, let her apply secretly to the group of her choice. The student might be placed on probation for a month or any time that might be determined, at the end of which time the answer could be given secretly. In this manner no feelings need be hurt, for the black ball need never be known. This is not a new system, but has been in use for many years by the Masons and other like fraternities. These organizations have been able to control their membership, and we could do worse than look at their methods.

It seems almost heresy to attack the old system under which we were all chosen, but I believe that the old system is worn out and that there must be some new system put in its place. This plan has been suggested to alumni and active members of some twelve fraternities, and as yet only one person has found objections. It is proposed now merely as food for thought, and as a beginning from which better things may come.

Josephine Meissner, President Gamma Beta district.

Individualism in Panhellenics

SO much is being said—and truthfully—concerning the evils of rushing, so many theories of what ought to cure these ills are being urged upon our chapters, irrespective of variations in environment, that it seems time to ask "What are the results of progressive Panhellenic legislation?" In trying to answer this question from the limited range of my experience,

I take upon myself all responsibility for these criticisms, some of which are opposed to the policy of Kappa Alpha Theta, as expressed both by her hitherto published opinions and by her vote in the Panhellenic conferences.

Within the last fifteen months I have visited eight college chapters of the east and middle west. At five of these colleges a rushing season of from one term to two years has been tried for one or more years with varying results. The following are a few instances typical of many which reveal the result, or lack of result, of such legislation.

At one of these colleges the regulations are strict that there shall be "no rushing" of freshmen. Here "rushing" is defined as any entertainment or gathering at which there are present two or more members of the same fraternity, with one or more non-fraternity members. At the time of my visit one chapter was in serious difficulty because, forsooth, a freshman on returning to her own home from her day at college had sat down to visit with her own sister and her sister's most intimate friend, accidentally a guest at the moment. Both girls were graduates of some years before! The year long tension had so worked upon the nerves of the various Greeks that out of this unmediated meeting had arisen serious charges of "breaking the rules." This I quote only as a typical instance of hysteria bred of prolonged tension and rivalry.

At another college the remark was made that if a certain fraternity reported to Panhellenic infringement of a rule by another group "they'll be sorry, because we have a whole list of things they've done that are off." Here, a thorough system of spying has been the result of detailed rules and the natural rivalry has degenerated to a condition of positive hatred that does not hesitate to bring accusations of dishonesty. The conditions were revolting.

In still another university the irritation due to discussions of rushing has rendered the local Panhellenic useless for other purposes and the remaining matters of mutual interest, which

should be settled by the Panhellenic are referred to another committee, chosen in the same way, but free from the vexatious spirit of that body.

At just one of these five colleges where the long season and very limited rushing has been tried, has it worked successfully, and here the conditions are ideal, i. e. the college is so small and compact that of necessity every student knows every other student. The need of rushing does not exist and faculty social regulations leave small opportunity for infringement of rules.

However, at another college where, on the surface, conditions appear similar, and where the semester contract has been in force for some years, I asked how the plan worked. This reply, verbatim, received from a level-headed dispassionate senior is typical of the opinions from most colleges I visited. "You ask about the long rushing season. It is only natural that it tends to bitter feeling, for when there is a whole semester of rivalry and working against each other it would be strange indeed if there were any superfluity of love and good will flying around. If pledging had been done back in the fall we would now be settled down to other things, and there wouldn't be the eternal watchfulness and suspicion that there are now." I had visited this college a few months before this reply came to my question. The Panhellenic rules in force there are of the type that have been for years urged irrespective of environment. This college is small, its dormitory excellently houses all but the town girls; in fact all conditions there seem ideal for the success of a long rushing season, but in no college had I ever seen such bitter jealousy or unreasoning suspicion shown. It was even unheard of for certain rival Greeks to walk to college together! Out of the eight colleges of my acquaintance then, one is genuinely helped by its Panhellenic rules. In three they are harmful. In one attempts are made only to limit certain conspicuous forms of rushing and the entertainment of preparatory students, but here excellent interfraternity relations are maintained. In the remaining three, neither good nor harm has

resulted so far as I could see. Jealousy and suspicion and all uncharitableness are still there—but they are not new.

Certainly however yeoman's service has been done in calling attention to the evils of the old rushing system. The college faculties as well as active and *alumnæ* fraternity members are awake to conditions and are seriously working to better them. It is absurd to try to adopt in a university situated in a great city, rules applicable to one founded in a country town, or to apply to a student-body of five thousand members, regulations adapted to a college community of five hundred. The individualism of our colleges must be recognized. There is no universal panacea for the evils of rushing.

The only rules which any of my colleges report as particularly satisfactory are those which provide for:

1. Publicity of all Panhellenic regulations and provisions for making such regulations known among rushees.
2. Non-initiation of members until after the satisfactory completion of one semester's work in college.
3. Panhellenic provision for uniform oversight of students academic work.
4. A committee of *alumnæ* delegates to the local Panhellenic to receive and investigate all charges of non-observance of rushing rules.
5. Absolute prohibition of asking for or receiving assistance of any kind in rushing from any college man or men's organization.

I believe good would result from adding to this last rule a prohibition against inviting any gentlemen as guests at a rushing party. Such parties should be wholly the affairs of our women's fraternities.

Two other regulations I suggest as an experiment, believing they would in some communities assist in restoring the waning scholarship of fraternity women and in eliminating foolish extravagance. These suggested experiments are:

1. Panhellenic limitation of expense both for rushing and

for the annual balls or other parties, with provision for an alumnae committee to audit accounts.

2. Panhellenic—or individual chapter—limitation of the social and fraternity privileges of any fraternity members whose scholarship is below a predetermined standard.

“Lifting” still seems to be attempted at some colleges and should be severely punished. I believe any chapter attempting such a thing should be deprived—either by its own fraternity or by Conference action—of the right to initiate any member for a year.

The great effort of Panhellenism has been to eliminate jealousy and ill feeling between rival chapters by reducing its causes—i. e. the rushing evils. But that is just where the mistake has been made. Emphasis has been laid upon the very points that breed hostility, whereas little effort has been made to attain united action in those matters of mutual interest where united work on the part of rival chapters would bring out the best instead of the worst in each. Every chapter of every fraternity has its fine strong members, and if the vexing questions of rushing are put aside early in the year, and our rival Greeks pull all together for those things of interest to the whole college and in which there are no rival interests, then they will appreciate each other's fine points, but they never will do that as long as the thought most irritating of all questions—rushing—is kept continually in the foreground.

In many colleges united Panhellenic action could improve the social usages. In most places our women students have some definite need not met as yet by the authorities. If the college women only realized what united effort could accomplish, the pet desire of every college community could be fulfilled. One needs a natatorium, another a Woman's building, another Halls of residence, or a Dean of women. Still another should have a recreation field for women or a domestic science department. United, the fraternities could draw to their aid the energy of the whole college community. Not only would they

accomplish their immediate desires, but our girls would be too busy to spend their time spying on their rivals, and the irritations of the rushing season, once over, would be submerged in the common interests; for work with another engenders respect, while work against another breeds the littlenesses of character we are all so ashamed of.

The old rushing system was certainly evil. I hold no brief for it, but I question whether the almost universal spying system, the long weeks when college work and interests are subordinated to rushing, the late adjustment to normal conditions, is any improvement. Do not construe any portion of this as a protest against a long rushing season where it has proved itself a benefit. By no means. Wherever experience has shown this or any other regulation of value let us encourage it, but let us not impose upon others our dogmatic theories of what *ought* to improve conditions. Let the *individualism* of our colleges once more assert itself to settle these vexed questions.

Charlotte H. Walker, president Beta Beta district.

Panhellenic leadership

SO much stress is laid, in the JOURNAL and by our alumnae enthusiasts, on various phases of college activity, that the poor chapter, being human, knows not whither to turn. Far be it from me to decry any worthy object of activity. In fact, unless I tread with caution, my own contribution will be excluded from these columns, for I would urge energy towards an aim that is in a measure selfish—namely, Panhellenic leadership.

Each year our National Panhellenic conference becomes a more important body—demanding more respect and exercising more power. Each year our local Panhellenics have like opportunities of progression. In some colleges the fraternities entirely control their own destinies. In others, through laziness or “stand-pat” tendencies their functions have been appropriated by the college authorities. I have yet to hear of a case of the latter where the fraternities could not have retained self regulation

if they had been far-seeing enough. Throughout the West (I cannot speak authoritatively of other sections) college fraternities are under the most critical survey. Rushing and social excesses have focused unfavorable attention upon us. Panhellenics have jurisdiction over just such matters and every college that accedes to the popular demand for reform in these lines lessens our censors' field of attack.

In those colleges where the Panhellenic has become an empty form, let them try passing all the faculty rulings with a few of their own for good measure, and see how quickly the regulation of their own affairs will return to them. I have never talked to a college authority who did not approve of the *theory* of our self-government idea. It is only in its practical application, or rather, lack of it, that they find the need of interfering.

If Panhellenic strength is a good thing, how necessary it becomes that all Theta chapters feel under the obligation of bringing the organization in their colleges to the full exercise of its powers and duties. They owe it to Kappa Alpha Theta, whose advanced position in the National Panhellenic conference is nullified by chapter inaction, they owe it to themselves, to gain the strong position of leader in their local Panhellenics. For, to revert to my introductory hint of selfishness, in the present times this is the true criterion of strength in college.

Martha Cline Huffman, president Delta Beta district.

Theory versus practice

THE Panhellenic question is a growing one, and should bring an era of good-fellowship and confidence among the fraternities. Certainly all efforts of the National Panhellenic are leading in that direction. No one would question the zeal and earnest endeavors of that organization, but it seems to me they have accomplished as yet not much of practical value.

Sophomore Pledge-day is admirable, but few of our chapters enjoy that privilege, and some of them have been forced by

their college Panhellenic to abandon it. The scholarship basis for membership is equally admirable, and the supervision of the chapter house by an agreeable and dignified chaperon whose position is recognized as one of power and influence is a very important phase of fraternity life. What I should be glad to see in our college Panhellenic is, the fraternities showing greater confidence in, and less jealousy of, each other, and giving less attention to the petty affairs which do so much to hamper all natural, free intercourse with the new girls.

It has happened more than once that a chapter which has been particularly fortunate one year has, perhaps in consequence, aroused the jealousy of the other fraternities, who become especially vigilant in trying to detect some flaw in the actions of that chapter. Again a chapter sometimes suffers through the too zealous actions of some of its alumnae members. These alumnae have no idea of breaking the Panhellenic regulations—far from it—they are especially keen in wishing the active chapter to stand well in all things. They cannot realize that they are not to speak to a freshman concerning fraternities, that they are not to offer a cup of tea to the daughter of their friend simply because she has entered college and may be eligible for a fraternity. But just those things have brought trouble upon the active chapter. This does not seem to be fair or right.

The theories of the National Panhellenic are fine, and we hope they may be able to work out better, more practical results for improving conditions in the active chapters, for the National Panhellenic was called into being with the hope that it might help to solve the problems all chapters face.

Mary W. Titus, president Alpha Beta district.

Panhellenic and the college

THE idea of a broader field of activity for the local Panhellenic associations—the idea of working with the college world and not apart from it, has recently been making itself

felt. This development may be traced to two sources—the recognition among college authorities of women's fraternities as live forces in college life, and the broad-minded study of general student relationships on the part of the National Panhellenic conference. The last reports show that this representative body has widened the scope of its consideration to include the whole field of women's college life, and is aiming to exert a conserving influence through the many chapters of the different fraternities.

The result should be a deeper sense of college responsibility on the part of the local Panhellenics. There should be ready acquiescence to the spirit of student activities and the expressed wishes of the authorities. Not so many years ago, college chapters were apt to regard any advice or criticism on the part of the Dean of women, or other authority, as beyond the province of the college; they held themselves responsible to their national organizations only. This attitude is changing, chapters realize more keenly their responsibilities as *college* units, and the necessity for intelligent cooperation with college forces.

The day of the woman's fraternity as an exclusive secret society is passing, and the years of its usefulness as a real factor in coordinating the social forces of the college world are now with us. And the responsibility for furthering this broader development rests largely with the college Panhellenic. It forms the logical medium through which the college—students and faculty—may deal with the chapters, and through which the ideas of the national organizations working through the Conference may be carried into effect.

Mary L. Gilbert, president Gamma Alpha district.

Sophomore pledging

WHEN the fraternity system was first inaugurated in our colleges, the matter of selecting new members was comparatively simple. Members were usually chosen from the upper classes after a careful inspection by the chapter members

over a considerable period of time. Since then things have changed. Then it was more a matter of absorption; now, the tendency is to pledge members from the freshman class after a most strenuous rush on the part of rival fraternities.

No one will deny that the modern rush detracts from the dignity and original purpose of the fraternity, and that it is liable to lead a chapter into gross errors in selecting members. What fraternity, in the heat of the rivalry of rushing has not taken a member who, after a more careful consideration, is seen to logically belong to some other organization.

Even a six or eight weeks' rush is a slight improvement over the week or matriculation day pledging. In this six or eight weeks rush, each chapter puts forth every effort to present itself to the freshman in its most attractive light. Every member is keyed to a pitch of nervous tension, college work is neglected, and often the financial resources of the chapter are strained to the limit. Then too, we have all seen cases of a freshman being rushed for a week or two until her hopes of making a fraternity are raised to the highest point, only to have them dashed one day later, by being dropped off the rushing list. In the rivalry and heat of a rushing season, we are more liable to "snatch at the slowest fruit in the whole garden of God, which many summers and many winters must ripen" and often the best fraternity material is overlooked.

On the whole, the entire system of freshman pledging seems to carry us away from the true fraternity ideals. It tends to detract from the dignity, poise and true purpose of our fraternity. It demoralizes college work. It places an undue nervous strain upon the entire personnel of the chapter, and most of all upon the freshmen, at a time when they can ill afford to be distracted from their college work, which after all is the true purpose of higher education. Sophomore pledging truly seems to be more rational, more sensible, more dignified and more normal. *Ida A. Overstreet, president of Beta Alpha district.*

THETA BOOK-SHELF

Lucille Baldwin Van Slyke (Mrs. G. M.) Chi '02, has a charming story, *The rug of her fathers*, in McClure's magazine for February, 1911. It is the first of a series of stories of life in the New York Syrian quarter, which is to run in the spring numbers of McClure's and The Craftsman.

Lois Harger, Kappa '13, had a vivid account of *Moving kitchens at harvest time* in The World today for August 1910.

A recent issue from the press of Syracuse university is a monograph, *Southern opinion on the negro question*, by Edna Mattison Ackerman, Chi '10.

Anna Botsford Comstock (Mrs. J. H.) Iota '85, has in press a fascinating new book on Nature-study.



As "Clarissa Gartrell" Clara Lynn Fitch (Mrs. George) Kappa '99, contributes to *Judge* for January 7, 1911, verses that prophesy the ultimate end of the big hat craze.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Undoubtedly one of the things uppermost in our minds at present is the approaching Grand convention. Surely to be chosen as delegate to this wonderful and inspiring gathering is the greatest honor which a chapter can bestow upon one of its members. Is it not the earnest hope of every loyal Theta to have an opportunity to be present at this great cosmopolitan meeting where we can come into personal contact with our sisters from all parts of the country and where we can feel the strength of the bonds and ideals which unite us? This experience, more than any other, makes each individual realize the full significance of national Thetahood. Clearly then, the girl who

is privileged to attend this vast assemblage as the representative of her chapter must regard the honor which has been conferred upon her as a sacred trust. Every privilege brings with it not only pleasure but also duties and responsibilities of a definite character.

A delegate has the advantage of actually experiencing and imbibing the true spirit of a convention. She cannot help but feel that she is a vital factor in this great national organization. Those who have not the opportunity to attend a convention personally rely upon her to transmit the inspiration which she has received. The benefit which a chapter derives from the biennial convention therefore depends upon the efficiency of the delegate. Consequently it is a matter of the utmost importance that our choice be made with great care and wisdom.

In electing a delegate we must consider the particular abilities which are needed to fill this responsible position. We must be sure that the girl whom we are considering possesses these talents, otherwise the chapter which she represents will not be enabled to appreciate the real advantages offered by the convention. There are many girls in a chapter who exert the greatest influence for good through their loving kindness, sympathy, and thoughtfulness, but they may lack those qualities which are required of a successful delegate. "Fitness for office" should be the sole criterion upon which our judgment rests.

As the convention has two distinct features, namely business and social, it seems to me that the duties of a delegate can be classed as official and personal. These two groups of duties are however by no means mutually exclusive. The fulfillment of each leads to the same ends and such qualifications as interest and enthusiasm are necessary to accomplish either.

In regard to the official duties, i. e. the delegate's obligation to fulfill the responsibilities inherent in her office, the prime requisite is courage in debate. The problems which confront the fraternity are too important and far-reaching in their results to be settled without thoughtful care and consideration. Each

question should be examined minutely from every point of view. This cannot be done unless those who have opinions have also the courage of their convictions and take an active and intelligent part in the debate. To insure growth and advancement there must be free discussion. From all accounts of the 1909 convention, we gather that the majority of delegates were extremely timid in asserting their points of view and in advancing their opinions. This seems a pity, for undoubtedly many had splendid ideas which might have thrown valuable light upon the subject under consideration. "Knowledge and thought become intelligible to us only through words," was one of the doctrines earnestly advanced by Erasmus.

But the lack of discussion at the last convention may have been due not only to natural timidity, but to ignorance in regard to the fundamental problems involved. This brings us to another important qualification which a delegate must possess in order to fill her office with success. The girl who represents her chapter should be well informed in regard to local policies and interests and should have a good understanding of the problems which face the fraternity as a whole. Delegates should prepare themselves by becoming thoroughly familiar with fraternity constitution and parliamentary law, and also by re-reading carefully the minutes of the last convention and the copies of the *JOURNAL* dealing with the convention. With this preparation a girl who is not afraid to speak her mind is enabled to take an intelligent part in any discussion. Just here, it seems to me that we can state the converse of Erasmus' doctrine and say—"Words become intelligible to us only through knowledge and thought."

Any delegate who has courage in debate, broad and accurate information, interest in the welfare of the fraternity, and enthusiasm, will not fail to execute her official duties with great success. She will make the views, activities, strength, and power of her individual chapter felt in the convention; on the

other hand, through her the chapter will feel the true spirit and influence of this great national gathering.

But, I said a moment ago that personal duties as well as official duties confront a delegate. By personal duties I mean the ultimate good which can be derived from individual intercourse with others. Surely there is no better opportunity for this than at the national convention where girls from different cities, different colleges, different chapters, all unite their individual ability and strength in striving for the same end. By meeting these other girls in an informal way and experiencing the individual personal influence a delegate can frequently glean many valuable ideas, especially if she is clear-headed, open-minded, and receptive to the opinions of others. She hears of other customs, methods, or policies, and at the same time she may herself impart new ideas, different standards, et cetera. Sometimes a delegate can succeed better in making her chapter felt at the informal social gatherings for which a convention affords so many opportunities than she can at the more formal business meetings. Tact, charm, grace, sympathy, ease in meeting people—all these qualities count for a great deal in spreading and in absorbing valuable personal influence. For after all, it is the expressions of personalities which evoke our admiration and which exert the greatest moulding influence upon our ideas.

Herein lies the ultimate value of the Grand convention. We are brought face to face with others; the Grand council no longer is a body of mysterious beings whom we know by name only, but they awaken in us a real personal interest. It is the duty of every delegate to transmit these wonderful personal experiences to her chapter. Therefore, is it not equally the duty of every chapter to use discretion and wisdom in choosing its delegate? and is it not the duty of every member to eliminate personal likes and prejudices and consider merely the welfare, growth, and development of Kappa Alpha Theta as a whole?

Otilie Prochazka, Alpha Zeta.

EDITORIALS

CONVENTION IN CALIFORNIA, July 11-14, 1911. This is the fact that turns all Theta thought westward these days. May the thought create a desire to be present. May the desire be wished so hard that it will be gratified. May the Theta train be crowded to capacity. May we all meet at Pasadena, Tuesday morning, July 11.

TODAY the evils of fraternity life are so obvious, the criticisms of such organizations so frequent and so severe, that President Benton's change of view point and the results of Wisconsin's investigations—set forth in our Exchange department—take on deep significance. Though we ourselves have faith in our ideals and earnestly wish to eradicate the faults, it is cheering to have these tangible proofs that fraternities have served their colleges as well as their individual members. Recognizing the evils, uniting our efforts in Panhellenic, we can—and we must—make fraternity mean what its ideals teach, and prove that high thinking leads to right living, to serving as well as receiving.

EXTENSION is a subject of much theory and little knowledge. Mu alumnae believes in knowledge first, so Miss Vance and Miss Barnaby—after careful research—give us historical facts, which should prove not only interesting but very valuable in moulding our extension policy.

PANHellenic affairs are presented in this month's symposium from the view point of experience. We especially commend for thoughtful discussion Miss Meissner's solution of the rushing problem, and for serious consideration the entire series. Do not overlook the opportunity for larger leadership and broader influence through Panhellenic interests. The growth of this "get together" movement among the fraternity

men is interesting too. The Interfraternity conference is now permanently organized on lines very similar to the National Panhellenic organization. The late conference recommended the organization of local conferences in each college and went on record for fraternity and faculty cooperation to raise standards of scholarship and character.

“NEVER, NEVER, NEVER”—this we mentally resolved as we perused the countless articles and editorials, which come to our exchange table, on the one theme CHAPTER LETTERS. That was the resolve of ignorance, for now we know that this Editor’s bugbear is so omnipresent that every Editor must bow to the inevitable at least once. So the resolve turns to the hope of “Nevermore.”

No one pretends it is easy to write even a good chapter letter, no one ever hopes to see an ideal one. Literary genius itself might fail before this demand for “gossip, news, personality, facts, and environment” all within the compass of a few hundred words. We hear now and then of the charming letters one girl writes during vacation to the rest of the chapter. We wonder why it never occurs to a chapter that this writer of charming letters to them, might very possibly write such letters for the fraternity at large.

Chapter letters tell the fraternity “there is no news this month,” when even the daily press is telling happenings of the month at that college—this January at least four universities where we have chapters so figured in the news columns, but no hint of these things in chapter letters. Can it be that these university events were such secrets that only a trained reporter could ferret out the facts? But criticism is not the purpose of this editorial.

Let us look for the good in this month’s letters. Note how Lambda has grasped the salient point for her university of a recent book, *American men of science*. See how much Psi tells us of her chapter life; how much news there is in Eta’s letter; how

Alpha Theta and Gamma are informed on college affairs; what musical treats Alpha Eta's college enjoys. Events of wide interest are—Tau's celebration of Christmas, Sigma's sleighing-party in commemoration of Founders'-day, Alpha Omicron's gracious gift to her patronesses on that birthday. We can not all tell of new homes, but we can all rejoice over Upsilon's story of her new pride as a property holder. Nor must we overlook these important facts—from an active membership of seven, Alpha Nu had five members on her alma mater's scholarship honor roll last semester; each of Alpha Lambda's freshmen, and each of Gamma's freshmen likewise, made the full term's university credit necessary to win initiation; other scholarship honors too fell to a Gamma member—we are very proud of these facts. For something absolutely new in chapter letters, we refer you to Alpha Lambda's—but we can not all live in progressive Washington.

We take pride in one other feature of this month's letters—but the chapter correspondents are not responsible, the Editor alone claims this bit of credit. We dare you to find any examination news (?) in these letters. We have only one honored correspondent who does not deem this college routine a matter of news. Is she a true reporter, or the fortunate student in a really modern university that dares to ignore this middle age tradition of finals? In the rashness of inexperience, we once said to our able predecessor that we would print chapter letters as they were written, that the Editor was not responsible for their shortcomings. Though we still maintain that the Editor is not responsible, we can not print them as written for two reasons—our respect for the king's English, our desire to have the magazine as far as possible indicative of Kappa Alpha Theta at her best.

We do not believe that our members are ignorant of the life of their universities. We do not believe that the life of any chapter is uninteresting. We do not believe that college women can not write readable English. We do believe our chapters

are indifferent to the work of their corresponding editors. We do believe the chapters fail to cooperate with their representatives in gathering material for these letters and personals; we fear they ignore the rule that material *must* be presented to the chapter before being sent to the Editor. We suspect that some of our correspondents are careless and haphazard in compiling their letters. While some of our Editors are most conscientious this year, there is just one, Alpha Zeta's editor, whose work never needs even a comma added or subtracted. We know that not one of our chapters fully realizes how these chapter letters, as received and as printed, stand for that chapter to the fraternity world.

OUR FIRST LIFE SUBSCRIBER, so we greet Maude E. Davis, Lambda ex-'09. We welcome her gladly and trust her example will have many followers.

OUR STATE UNIVERSITIES are credited with interest only in the class-room activities of their students. Today this charge no longer applies in many instances. We are glad to give space in this issue to news of the liberal provision four state universities have made for the social and recreative life of their women students. Each of these institutions has also a Dean of women, devoting all her time and talents to student interests. These articles are also part of the plan to acquaint our membership with the environment of our chapters, to show how fraternity can be welded into the larger university life.

EXCHANGES

The second Interfraternity conference met in New York city, November 26, 1910 with twenty-six fraternities sending delegates.

Permanent organization was effected by the adoption of a constitution. Meetings will be held annually, each fraternity being permitted three delegates, but one vote. Five chapters in colleges of rank are necessary to entitle a fraternity to membership in the conference. Expenses will be met by an annual \$15 assessment on each fraternity in the conference. The purpose of the conference "shall be the discussion of questions of mutual interest and the presenting to the fraternities represented of such recommendations as the conference shall deem wise, it being understood that the functions of such conference shall be purely advisory.

Local interfraternity organizations were encouraged by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend to our several chapters that at each college where there is more than one fraternity represented, they call a conference of representatives of the several fraternities and confer together concerning any evils of the rushing system existing at that college; that they devise regulations tending to lessen such rushing evils as they find exist, including excessive expense in entertaining men.

Further Resolved, That we urge upon our several chapters the necessity for acting harmoniously together as members of associations having generous rivalries but kindred aims, and pledge to the chapters our cordial cooperation and support so far as we can extend it.

Professor Kind of Wisconsin state university spoke on the fraternity situation in that institution. The following resolution touching this situation was adopted.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that each fraternity that has a chapter at the University of Wisconsin should, through its governing body, at once communicate with such chapter and recommend that it heartily cooperate with the Faculty committee on student interests of said university.

The committee on relations of the fraternity chapters to the college administration presented an able report based on questionnaires sent to 250 college presidents and to a delegate of

each fraternity represented in the first conference. The report closes with these suggestions.

That each fraternity chapter govern itself in accordance with a code of House rules satisfactory to the college authorities.

That each fraternity chapter choose a member of the college faculty, preferably a member of the fraternity, as associate adviser in appropriate matters.

That each chapter also choose certain of its graduate members as trustees or graduate advisers to share with the undergraduates the government of the affairs of the chapter.

That we recommend the adoption by all colleges of the practice now followed in some of the colleges of furnishing frequent reports of scholarship either direct to the students themselves or, in the case of fraternity men, through the faculty representatives, so that each man in college may be kept informed of the progress he is making in his work.

Mr. Baird comments on the meeting thus:

The second session of the Interfraternity conference was a complete success. The fraternities did an unusually wise thing in sending to it as representatives substantially the same persons who acted as delegates at its first session. So on the whole the men knew each other, they had confidence in each other and they had, in many cases, formed little personal intimacies of value. The spirit of the meeting was delightful. Members of fraternities as diverse as Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Alpha Chi Rho and Delta Phi conferred together and helped to frame resolutions and drafted motions just as though they were members of the same chapter. The spirit of cooperation and mutual trust and helpfulness was everywhere present. We devoutly wish that it could be transmitted to the undergraduates of the fraternities represented.

In the January *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, Mr. Banta gives a review of the conference, which we quote in part.

A year ago, I believe there were but few, even among the delegates who attended the Conference of 1909, who took the movement very seriously. To Dr. Faunce must be due the credit of the first move to get at and correct the growing faults of the fraternity system as it is working today. A great deal of the discussion of a year ago was academic, rather than the result of earnestly felt conviction. The fraternity man has been satisfied to look tolerantly upon the faults of today's fraternity life, as something inevitable and impossible to change. Perhaps he has felt that it would be too much trouble to change things.

Indeed I have heard individuals who rather resented the raised voice of the reformers. But the second meeting of the Conference was marked by more real interest, by less of the simply academic treatment of things. There was less of the "go it alone" spirit and more of the spirit which recognizes that what injures one fraternity is to the injury of all. . .

While of course each sorority has proper and particular pride in its own organization I have never yet heard a sorority member express the thought that her order can go on alone without reference to the other sororities. Through the long lapse of the years since the fraternities first took the field that absurd idea has become the dominant note in the minds of individuals scattered about in the membership of many fraternities.

Right there is the greatest obstacle the Interfraternity conference has to meet. It can only be believed that the grand mass of fraternity membership must look with common view on the problems common to all, and when the obstacle of apathy has been overcome then will this sensible, common, thought of all come to the fore, and the faults, foibles, and evils of the fraternity system be attacked in earnest by the best thought in all.

The chief recorded accomplishment of the second Conference was the framing of a permanent organization and adoption of a short constitution. But that could not have come into being had there not been back of it the getting together upon a common ground of mutual understanding of the needs, and faults and dangers of all. That union of minds certainly meant that each delegate admitted to himself that there was enough of the common fault to make it to his fraternity's interest to ask for the help of all to correct it.

The fraternity world is deeply interested in the investigation—by order of the state legislature—of the fraternities in the University of Wisconsin. In the following contribution to the *Western intercollegiate magazine* Professor J. L. Kind of the Faculty committee presents the brief for the fraternities. We regret our inability to obtain for this issue the brief for the opposition. As it is, the investigation here reported brings out phases of fraternity usefulness in the past; shows that many of the so called evils of the system are evils prevalent in the entire student-body; and gives numerous suggestions which the wise chapters—at Wisconsin and elsewhere—may profit by, if they so choose.

According to the resolution which the State Legislature passed in 1909, the charge is made against fraternities and sororities that they are social organizations which tend to foster class distinction and an anti-democratic influence in the student life of the University of Wisconsin. Since democracy is to be the watch-word of the University of Wisconsin, and since the fraternities and sororities seem to militate against such democracy, they should, therefore, be investigated, with a view to remedying such conditions and to offering a substitute for these Greek letter organizations that will promote greater democracy among the students of the university.

As a result of this resolution, the president of the university appointed a committee of seven members of the faculty to conduct such an investigation. The committee consisted of both fraternity and non-fraternity members. A thorough investigation was made last spring and a complete report was rendered this fall to the faculty. This report contained many interesting conclusions which will furnish material for this discussion.

That fraternities and sororities are primarily social organizations, no one who is acquainted with their activities will deny; further, that they are democratic in tendency very few will contend, even those who are ardent supporters of the fraternity and sorority system. Society, as a whole, is not democratic, and why, therefore, should we expect university society to be democratic? The social life of a university does not differ materially from the social life of a community, or of mankind in general. It is inherent in the human race to form cliques and class distinctions, among old and young, and however idealistic a democratic foundation of human society may be, that is, nevertheless, something that does not exist.

All our students are presumably honest and worthy young men and women, and we assume that the non-fraternity students represent just as much integrity and real worth, just as admirable manhood and womanhood, as do the fraternity men and women. But society is not founded upon such considerations alone. Money, culture, education, and many other factors form the basis of social caste in the world at large. Why should we expect the social life of a body of college students to be based upon different considerations? College students come from a great variety of homes, and in these homes they do not all move in the same social set. Why should they be expected to associate on a common social plane when they enter college? As students of the same college, they have their love for their Alma Mater and their interest in student affairs in common, to be sure. But few will deny, and the report of the committee has shown, that fraternity and non-fraternity students meet

on common ground in furthering the cause of student and college interests. This does not and can not apply to the social organization of a university any more than to the social life of a civic community. A millionaire and his coachman vote at the same polls for the same officers of state, both classes are or can be interested in the same civic problems, but neither would presume that they could meet on the same social footing, which is neither assigning to the millionaire greater worthiness, nor to the coachman less integrity or manhood.

If fraternities and sororities should be ruled out of existence, on the ground that they are undemocratic, then these organizations would have been doomed from the very beginning of the investigation. And if there were no other phase of the matter to consider, it would not have rewarded any fraternity man or woman to spend time refuting arguments. But, fortunately, the value of the fraternity and sorority does not hinge upon democracy within the American college. We will admit that fraternities and sororities, like other secret orders, exist primarily for themselves, but we deny that the good they do the colleges in which they exist is merely incidental. There is no fraternity or sorority in existence today that is not founded upon the very highest ideals of manhood and womanhood, and that does not consciously aim to promote the best interests, in word and deed, of the institutions in which they have chapters. These organizations urge their members to take part in college activities, and although this may be done primarily for self aggrandizement, the value of the work done is just as great to the college or university. And who would care to impute to the fraternity students solely motives that are stock traits of mankind?

The careful investigations of the committee reveal the fact that over half of the honors in the University of Wisconsin have been received by fraternity men and women, notwithstanding the fact that only twenty-seven per cent of the students eligible to these honors were members of Greek letter societies. This proves that fraternity and sorority members have not withdrawn from student activities, have not turned a deaf ear to the needs of the University of Wisconsin. They have guided over half of the activities of the student-body, and yet they comprise approximately only one-fourth of the total number of students. It would seem that the Greek letter organizations have done a fair share in the advancement of college life in our university.

There are thirty-three national social fraternities and sororities in the university, and these all occupy houses, in which the majority of their members secure lodgings and even a greater proportion secure their board. In fact, these fraternity and sorority houses provide meeting places for about nine hundred students, lodgings for about five hundred

and fifty, and board for perhaps seven hundred and fifty. The enrollment of this year will exceed five thousand, and there are over four thousand students on the campus at present. When we consider the limited capacity of the boarding and rooming houses within a reasonable distance of the university, we realize the service that has been rendered by the Greek letter societies in providing homes for such a large proportion of the student-body. Considering, further, the fact that board and room rent are cheaper in these lodges than in private families and rooming and boarding houses, and the accommodations, as a rule, superior, we must admit that fraternities are both practical and economical.

The fact has long been recognized that the town of Madison does not offer adequate facilities in providing room and board for our large student-body. Therefore, there are many who have urged the erection of dormitories. Our able President has for years tried to promote interest in a dormitory system. Other institutions maintain such a system with success, why not the University of Wisconsin? Columbia university, for example, finds its dormitories such a profitable enterprise, that it has sold much of its down-town lands with a view to erecting more dormitories and thus securing greater earnings on the money. We must remember, however, that we are a state university, and the state has no funds to invest in dormitories as a money making proposition. Our private donations are practically nil. If dormitories are to be erected, the money may have to come from private parties, and private parties have not been in the habit of endowing state universities. If the money is to be provided by the state, it will come at the expense of laboratories and lecture halls, and considering the crowded condition of our buildings at present and the ever increasing numbers of students who are crowding in for an education, it does not seem wise to curtail the fund needed for the erection of lecture halls by building dormitories to house the students, before we have ample accommodations to provide for their instruction.

Until, then, we do have university quarters to provide for the comforts of our students, it is unwise to think of abolishing fraternities and sororities, who help us solve so effectively one of our most difficult problems.

The question might be asked, further, would it be possible to abolish fraternity and sorority houses, even though the social organizations were compelled to disband? Eighteen of the Greek letter societies occupy houses which they rent from their alumni corporations. These houses represent an assessed value of over \$250,000. The alumni have incorporated under the laws of the state. If these corporations were not allowed to

rent their houses to their chapters, they would have to sell them,—a difficult consideration, owing to the high valuation,—or they would have to rent them as boarding and rooming houses for students. What is to prevent them from renting them to the students individually who now occupy them as chapters of fraternities and sororities? Would the Legislature or Board of Regents attempt to select the men and women individually who should live in certain houses?

If Greek letter organizations were abolished at the University of Wisconsin, it is not likely that the chapters would attempt to run *sub rosa*. Fraternity government is too advanced to allow of such a subterfuge. Most likely the members of the present chapters would continue to reside in the houses which are owned by their alumni corporations, as individuals, to be sure, selecting other students, from time to time, to take the places of those leaving college. These students would be chosen on the basis of personal compatibility as at present, and then, instead of having a house filled with students who are bound together by close ties of mutual interest and assistance, with the honor and prestige of a great, worthy organization to uphold, and living under the strictest national supervision, we should have a loosely bound number of students responsible only as individuals, lacking the common interest and close supervision that is now exerted by the national fraternity organizations.

Fraternity and sorority houses are the only student rooming houses in which any attempt is made at government. All fraternities and sororities are required by their national organizations to adopt house rules for the government of their members. The faculty also requires this and also that these house rules be submitted to the Committee on student interests for its approval. Other students live in houses in which there are often a dozen or more, without house rules or any form of government for the protection of the individual. Which is better, fraternity houses strictly governed, or houses filled with students without any form of restrictions or government? The answer is not hard to find, from the standpoint of university government.

The report of the committee shows, further, that the moral tone of fraternity men does not differ from that of the non-fraternity men. We should like to add, further, that every fraternity makes it a special point to encourage and assist its members in upholding the lofty principles of life that are the ideals upon which fraternity is founded. The abolition of fraternities would mean removing one of the most powerful influences that help the students to live a pure life, both for their own sakes and for the benefit of the college. Every fraternity man is impressed with the fact that he leads a three-fold existence: first, his

relations to himself; secondly, his relations to his Alma Mater and fellow students; third, his relations to his fraternity. Every fraternity man is allowed to preserve and cultivate his own individuality, but he is made to see that he can not live for himself alone. Whatever he does will reflect good or bad upon not only himself, but also upon his university and fraternity. Men may at times fail to fulfill the lofty ideals of their societies, and whole chapters may fall deplorably short of their ideals, but these ideals remain unimpaired and unimpeached, and it is merely a question of time and man or chapter wakes up.

At the present time, when institutions of learning number their students by the thousands, instead of the hundred, as was the case a generation ago, the university can not stand in *loco parentis* to the same degree as in the days of our fathers. The college fraternity has, to a great extent, supplied this paternal influence that the university can no longer furnish. This is done, too, without pampering or mollicodding, but by appealing to the best that is within the members, by placing them on their honor, and by making them realize their responsibilities, perhaps, even more than this is done in the average home. Fraternities stand for manhood and womanhood of the highest type. Unfortunately, the bad things that a fraternity man does are reported to the public; the good things go unnoticed. Fraternities are not inclined to talk over their affairs for the benefit of the public. They never seek notoriety in the press. Their life as led by them belongs to them. As a result, outsiders have felt a barrier that does not exist consciously for the fraternity man and woman. Only recently, since steps have been taken that threaten the welfare of fraternities and sororities, have these organizations seen fit to take an open stand in the university.

It is needless to say that the resolution of the Legislature caused great excitement in fraternity circles in Wisconsin, and considerable chagrin, owing to the fact that the originator of the motion is a member of both a national social and a national professional fraternity at the University of Wisconsin. Steps were taken almost immediately to organize a council of fraternity men, for the purpose of defending themselves, and to furnish a formal body that might not only seek to remove the objectionable features of fraternity life, but also render assistance to the investigating committee. With the exception of Phi Kappa Psi and Chi Psi, all the fraternities joined this Interfraternity council. A chapter of Zeta Psi has since been established, and this chapter has also declined an invitation to join the Council. Many things have been accomplished by the Council, and its existence has been fully justified.

The fraternities hesitate to take a public stand, realizing that any

barrier that may be felt by the non-fraternity students might thus be magnified. Even the conservative Interfraternity council, with the good that it has done, draws a new line of demarcation. Fraternities are marked. If they do nothing, they are criticised for their apathy, if they do something they are accused of self aggrandizement and what not. It has always been the policy of the fraternities and sororities at the university not to draw any fraternity-non-fraternity line in college politics. The Interfraternity council especially stated that no such line would be drawn by that Council. No students regretted more, therefore, than the "Greeks" when party lines were drawn in the recent junior class elections, between fraternity and non-fraternity elements. And it might be added, for the sake of historic truth, that the candidate who drew this line is a fraternity man but a member of a chapter that has not allied itself with the Interfraternity council.

The social life of the university is largely centered in fraternity and sorority circles. This is to be expected. The lodges offer not only convenient places for social functions, but they also furnish opportunities for closer acquaintance. Then, there is a certain feeling of common interest, naturally, as a result of membership in kindred organizations. Certain efforts have been made by the non-fraternity men to cultivate social life in the university, but little has been attempted or accomplished by the non-fraternity women. The women feel the lack of social opportunities much more than the men. Can we remedy this condition by discarding what has been accomplished by the Greek letter organizations? A dormitory system might build up a social life of a more democratic scope. The result would very likely be, however, a large number of cliques, centering in the various dormitories. The whole student body would then be interested in university society and social functions, with perhaps the exception of the students who were so unfortunate as to live with their parents in Madison. Would they then not have the right to complain of the close corporation of the dormitory students?

If dormitories would make for greater democracy in the social life of the student body, then the evils of the present system would be eradicated. A successful dormitory system would give all students social opportunities. Would not the cause for complaint that now exists be removed also, and the abolition of fraternities and sororities be found unnecessary? To be sure, the dormitory students would not take a much greater part in fraternity-sorority life than at present, but that is not the argument. What we want are greater opportunities for all students to engage in social life. If the Greek letter societies develop this valuable side of college life, why remove their influence?

The fraternities and sororities do not desire to draw a social line. The line that is drawn is the natural result of social conditions. Every one chooses his friends along the line of personal compatibility. Even though we had no Greek letter societies or dormitories, it is impossible to suppose that every student in the university would associate socially with every other student.

The Military department has in past years arranged monthly dances for the benefit of the student-body at large. Here was a good opportunity for the non-fraternity students to indulge in social life, but these parties were so poorly attended that they will be discontinued this year. There does not seem to be much of a tendency on the part of the non-fraternity men and women to cooperate in the cultivation of social life. Should we, therefore, abolish the social life of the Greek letter societies, so that all students may be on the same footing, without any social life whatsoever? And this in face of the fact that the Committee on student interests has begun to consider ways and means of cultivating greater social activity among the non-fraternity students.

The charge has been made that the fraternity element practically monopolizes the Junior Prom. That the vast majority of those who attend are fraternity men and women is true. But the sale of tickets is thrown open to the student public, and the fraternity men are not to blame if the non-fraternity men fail to buy tickets. Boxes are arranged for non-fraternity students. A few years ago the faculty cut the price of tickets from \$6.00 to \$3.00, for the purpose of bringing the Prom within the reach of all students, or, as one professor stated it, "that there may be no money bar," on the ground that fraternity students have more money to spend on social life. The result was, however, that the attendance was poor, and fewer non-fraternity men availed themselves of the opportunity of attending than in former years. As a result, the price of tickets has now been raised by the faculty to \$5.00. Further, the investigation committee has disclosed the fact that there is no money barrier between fraternity and non-fraternity students. There are outside of these organizations just as many wealthy students as in them, and just as many poor students in the Greek letter societies as outside.

It was a surprise to most of us, when the committee on the investigation revealed the fact that almost one-third of the fraternity men are partially self supporting, while about seven per cent are thrown entirely upon their own resources. The committee further informed us that there is little cleavage between the fraternity and non-fraternity element. Evidently, much of the complaint has not come from the students themselves. The case seems to be different among the women

students. Women are naturally more sensitive than the men in such things, and the women can not take the aggressive in social life. Further, many of the activities that are open to the men are closed to the women, so that the women have recourse to social affairs almost exclusively, and since the non-fraternity men are slow in developing a social life in the university, the non-sorority girls have little or no opportunity to take part in social functions. But are the sorority girls to blame that the non-fraternity men do not arrange social functions for the non-sorority women?

There are two phases of fraternity life that do not admit of much argument. These are scholarship and the matter of rushing and pledging.

It has been shown by the investigating committee that a larger percentage of fraternity and sorority students remain in the university and complete their courses than non-fraternity students. Further, the average standing of fraternity and sorority students is only from one to three points lower than the standing of non-fraternity students. But the percentage of the "Greeks" who are dropped from the university for poor work is far in excess of the percentage of non-fraternity students so disciplined. No loyal fraternity man or woman will admit that the "Greeks" are inferior in quantity or quality of gray matter. Does this condition, then, hang together with the practice of initiating freshmen? Do the fraternity men and women waste time that belongs to their studies, and if so, did they form these habits in their freshman year? The committee seems to think so and recommends that, beginning with July 1, 1912, freshmen shall not be initiated into fraternities or sororities, and they shall not be allowed to room or board in the lodges. Neither may a student of any of the four classes be initiated, if he or she is on probation. This rule is to take effect July 1, 1911. These rules have been adopted by the faculty, subject to the approval of the Board of Regents and the Legislature.

That the members of Greek letter societies are inferior in scholastic attainments to the non-fraternity students has been known for a long time, and now the committee has proved it by figures. The fraternities have realized it and have taken steps to remedy the defect. One fraternity has, to my definite knowledge, made scholarship one of its national planks. There may be others. Many have made scholarship one of the first considerations in choosing new members, and many are paying special attention to scholastic standing. One fraternity publishes annually a scholarship number of its monthly magazine.

Whether the inferiority of fraternity men and women is due to the fact that they joined Greek letter organizations in their freshman year

and lived in lodges can only be ascertained through practice. We know that most of the chapters at the University of Wisconsin have made an effort to encourage good work among their members, paying especial attention to freshmen, and the freshman class has made the poorest showing. That these freshmen have made such a poor record, in spite of the assistance that has been given them by the older members, would tend to show one of two things: either the influences of the chapter houses are detrimental to good work, or there are many who join Greek letter organizations and are not of college caliber. Perhaps, even, there are some who come to college for the sole purpose of joining a fraternity, without the intention to stick it out. The one-year rule of eligibility will tend to weed out this class and ought, therefore, be very welcome to the Greek letter societies. I believe it will. Only a trial can prove, however, whether freshmen without the influences of chapter houses will do better work. My experience has shown that the freshmen who live in the chapter houses are much more easily guided in their work and conduct. It is further argued that freshmen should live outside the chapter house, so that they may form a wider circle of friends, thus promoting greater democracy in the student-body. This means, evidently, spending a greater amount of time away from their books, without the helpful influence of the older men in the chapter house. Will this attempt at greater democracy thus defeat the more important issue of raising the scholarship of fraternity men and women? Only a trial can tell.

There seems to be a mistaken idea among non-fraternity men that the fraternities pamper their members and fill their young brains with an exaggerated opinion of their own importance. This is not true. The freshmen in a fraternity chapter receive a much severer training than is possible in the case of non-fraternity men. There is little or no personal fagging, but the freshmen are told their place as freshmen, and in no uncertain words, and the influence is such as to make for manhood for the whole college career and for life.

The fraternity agitation at Wisconsin is nothing new in fraternity circles. Wisconsin is no pioneer, but rather behind the times. An investigation, conducted last year by the writer, revealed the fact that in the fifty odd institutions from which data was secured, over half had some sort of restrictions. In most cases these regulations were based upon the idea of improving scholarship. These regulations were not imposed entirely by the college authorities either, but they are largely due to the fact that the fraternities or individual chapters have discovered their own shortcomings and have determined to remedy the

evil. Whatever is being done at the University of Wisconsin is, therefore, merely in tune with the times.

The fact that the so-called evils of fraternity life have been pointed out frequently in the last five years does not mean that conditions are growing worse, any more than the exposure of graft in political life is a sign of corrupter times. Rather, it is a sign of advancement. The first step in any reform must be the ascertainment of what is wrong. The fraternities have themselves been taking this step. They have advanced to the point of taking the initiative in remedying the wrongs. Assistance on the part of the university authorities will therefore be welcome, if the proffered assistance is based upon knowledge and is conducted along proper lines. The fraternities would have solved their problems by themselves in time, but they can not object if external influences are brought into play, thus hastening the better day.

The press has been busy with the "fraternity confession" of Dr. G. P. Benton, president of Miami university. The address that caused the turmoil was given before the National association of state universities, November 14, 1910. We are glad to present our readers with liberal extracts from the original address as it appeared in *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, of which fraternity Dr. Benton is a member. The subject of the paper was, *Fraternities and sororities in state universities*.

"If I had been alive one hundred years ago as the head of an institution of learning, and if I could have foreseen exactly what the influence of fraternities would be, as we have them today, I should have opposed very earnestly the organization of the American college fraternity system."

The sentence just uttered is a quotation from my first annual report to my board of trustees eight years ago. It was a particularly dangerous thing for me to say. Miami university had given birth to three great national fraternities, and I might have anticipated the protests which reached me after the enterprising newspapers had given the utterance publicity. At that time I defended the position I had taken with what then seemed to me to be unanswerable arguments. The excuse I plead for beginning with this pronounced personal reference is that I am supporting an entirely different proposition today, and I would not have you excuse my seeming inconsistency on the ground of my forgetfulness. . . .

Seventeen years had passed since my own college days when I assumed the obligations of my present position, and during that time I had been connected with institutions where college fraternities were under the ban. Coming back into a college strong in its fraternity life, I found myself, that first year, making hasty contrasts, all favorable to the non-fraternity college. I understand very well in confessing these hasty conclusions that I make admission of having assumed an attitude directly contrary to that taken by the true scholar. The modern specialist of the highest type of excellence is the one who holds himself open to conviction. The real scholar is willing to surrender preconceived judgments when, having sought for the truth, he finds them to be wrong. The best atonement I can make for the superficial conclusions of that first year, is to declare, in this presence, that since then I have applied the same tests in studying the college fraternity problem as I employed in my own library, to work out problems having to do with the line of specialization I had chosen for myself before ever thinking of a college presidency. By using the scholar's method I have reached a somewhat different conclusion, and I desire, now, to offer it as my testimony that the college fraternity has been to me a strong arm of power, a forceful ally in maintaining institutional ideals.

The problem confronting all institutions in reference to the American college fraternity system at this time is not a problem of elimination but of utilization. The Greek-letter fraternity has been so long a part of college life in America, and most of our leading colleges and universities are so thoroughly ramified with fraternity customs, that, for any one institution to essay the role of the fraternity iconoclast would be to attempt the destruction of much that is best in the sacred traditions of that particular college.

Approaching the study of this question in the spirit of investigators, let us first of all discover, if we may, the objectionable accessories of the fraternity system, and then set over against these their neutralizing influences—those forces which may be employed for the destruction of the bad features, and with them all the possibilities of good in fraternity life.

There are some universal college standards. I take it that all colleges recognize the necessity of a high requirement of scholarship. That there are forces working against good scholarship in many fraternities must be apparent to all who are not blind, and there are none so blind as those who will not see. The college fraternity as it exists today is a product of evolution. In earlier years, those who belonged to a fraternity were wont to meet in the academic groves after night had fallen, or under cover of absolute secrecy in the room of some student. Later it was the

custom to rent a hall, high up in some business block of the college town. And now we have the modern chapter house as an expression of the highest conception of fraternity dignity. The national conventions of all the great fraternities are urging the fraternity house as an evidence of the thrift necessary to guarantee the respect of the college world. The fraternity house may be, and frequently is, hostile to the formation of the right habits of study, and in some instances it is a formidable hindrance to the development of real scholarship. The menace of the mob often finds its best exemplification in the modern fraternity chapter house. The destructive power of a crowd can hardly be over-estimated in its possibilities for injury to him who needs to form habits of concentration,—and in the fraternity house there is always a crowd. The “ragtime” piano is omnipresent and ubiquitous. The gossip corner has attractions hard for the curious young man to resist. The table of the gaming-room lures him who should find the way to his study.

Not only may the fraternity house prove disastrous to standards of scholarship, but too often it shows itself unfriendly to the lofty ideals of morality which should obtain in college life. . . .

A fraternity house where the universal standard of morality is not high certainly does not compare favorably as an elevating influence on student life with the old-fashioned home, and I have sometimes wished we might substitute for the modern fraternity house, where the evils of the ancient dormitory are often accentuated, the rooming-house of other days. There, from one to four students had their rooms with some good family, and the restraining and refining influences of the mother and the daughters in the home placed the young men under the constant necessity of deporting themselves according to the requirements of the highest propriety. . . . The question of concern is, can the college fraternity be made an ally in maintaining institutional standards, both universal and particular? The answer coming out of my own observation is an unqualified affirmative.

Once more, at the risk of bad taste in giving conclusions reached as the result of personal experience, let me say that I have found the fraternity a most potent factor in maintaining standards, both of scholarship and morality. There is no body in the world so easily controlled as a company of college students when rightly approached. The upper classmen among undergraduates, when appealed to by those in authority to see to it that the men in the entering classes take high rank in scholarship and that they maintain a character which shall command respect, will make answer to that appeal in labors of most effective compulsion upon their younger brothers. There is no man so gracious and courteous as a fraternity upperclassman during the rushing season:

there is no superior so hard on the subaltern as this same fraternity upperclassman when he seeks to impress it upon the neophyte that he has united with an organization which expects great things of him. The upperclassman can crack the whip over the willing slave below with more effectiveness than could the most accomplished task-masters among the college professors of the olden day. The victim of the whip looks forward to the day when he may wield it over the luckless ones who are to be his successors. Thus the precedent of upperclass supervision once established is forever secure, and that to the great advantage of the organizations concerned when their members make answer in the classroom.

In an institution with which I have some acquaintance, the older men of the fraternity have one of their number appointed whose business it is to call regularly upon the registrar for reports as to the class standing of all their members. These reports are presented at the fraternity meetings and the student not up to grade is handled without tenderness. It is the custom of the dean of the undergraduate college in the institution to report to the officer of each fraternity, at the beginning of a new semester, the relative standing of his fraternity as compared with the other fraternities of the institution. A report, for instance, was given to the supervising officer of one fraternity to this effect: "Your rank in scholarship, as compared with that of the other fraternities last semester, was the lowest in the institution." No one fraternity knows what the standing of another fraternity is, but there is always cause for congratulation and there is increased incentive to excellence when the report reaches any meeting, saying this fraternity stood highest among all during the preceding period. When the report is medium or low, there is also incentive, even though it be the incentive of humiliation to put forth greater efforts for a better ranking.

The fraternity, too, is a most important factor in holding the student to his original purpose in completing his college course. To my personal knowledge, it has often happened that a student has entered upon an undergraduate course of study expecting to be in this line of work for one year perhaps, or at most for two, and by the influence of teachers, insufficient alone but potent when exercised through upperclass fraternity brothers, many of these young men have completed the requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

The athletic incentive also is to be reckoned with. No fraternity, with any sense of pride, is willing that men of athletic prowess or promise among its membership should be deprived of the privilege of representing that fraternity with distinction upon the gridiron, the diamond or the track. Knowing full well that excellence of scholarship and character

are the necessary credentials for entrance to all these contests, every fraternity is spurred to the highest endeavor in encouraging its athletes to "make good" both in scholarship and in character.

The fraternity, through the influence of the upperclassmen exerted upon the lowerclassmen, is a mighty force leading in the direction of complete self-government. A few years ago, the representatives of the local chapter of a fraternity enjoying high national standing came to me with the information that one of their members had been guilty of gross immorality. They asked the privilege of dealing with him themselves. The permission was granted. He was told that he must leave college at once or be expelled from the fraternity. He chose the former alternative and the authorities of the college were saved the necessity of action. This same chapter has since pursued a similar course with other violators of the college standards. To say that they go up and down the walks of the campus and in and out of college halls with a consciousness of manly self-respect unknown to those who deport themselves properly simply to avoid the penalties of the institution, is to fail to give full expression to the manifest manliness of spirit ever shown by the men of that fraternity.

College fraternities become allies in maintaining institutional standards through the connection therewith of professors who belong to the various fraternities in a given institution. No political party ever pointed with greater pride to its record than do the active members of a fraternity to the prominent members of the faculty as having membership in their organizations. Professors and instructors are always welcome guests at fraternity houses and meetings, and their friendly advice tactfully given is willingly received and effectively applied. Then the alumni of the institution who are fraternity men have a never-ending pride in the organization to which they belonged in college, and are a strong influence in securing results in scholarship and character which conform to the universal and particular standards honored by the authorities of *alma mater*. . . .

But, you say that all that is possible to be secured through a national fraternity as an ally in maintaining institutional standards might be secured through the clubs or literary societies of those institutions which forbid the existence in their midst of national Greek-letter societies. True, the appeal through the club and society of local character may be made, as in the national fraternity, through the upperclassmen, through professors who are members and through the alumni of the institution, but there the parallel of possibilities ends. The national fraternity, by very reason of its national character, has a grip that no local organization or club of any character whatsoever can exert. The

Greek-letter fraternity which cannot be reached in the appeal made to it to become an ally in maintaining institutional standards, though upperclassmen, through professors or through its own alumni, can be reached by an appeal to the alumni of the fraternity at large outside of the particular institution involved. It is a well known fact that every Greek-letter fraternity making any pretensions whatever to national quality insists that universal standards of scholarship and morality, as well as particular standards, shall be observed by its active members in the institutions in which its chapters may exist. Only very recently a fraternity of national prominence, through its general officers, gave its chapter, in one of the greatest universities in America a limit of two weeks to fall in line with the requirements of that institution, under penalty of having its charter withdrawn for failure to comply at the expiration of the time. No such strength of appeal can be made by undergraduates, teachers or alumni of a given institution, through local club or society, as can be made by a fraternity of national character when its desires are made known.

Every great national fraternity gives its endorsement to the particular as well as to the universal standards of American colleges. Many of the leading Greek-letter societies have gone on record by national enactment, as favoring the honor system in classroom, in examination and in general conduct. More than that, by legislative enactment many national fraternities have impressed the importance of standards by adopting systems of reports on scholarship that all their chapters are required to make with regularity. The leading American college fraternities have devised or are devising methods of supervision over the undergraduates which shall enable the president, deans and class officers in all our state universities to see the fulfillment of their desires in scholarship and character.

Admitting all the possibilities of evil present wherever groups of men exist, it must in the same breath be admitted that these evils are not confined to the groups commonly known as Greek-letter college fraternities. Man is a social being. He is bound to find companionship. Congenial friends will flock together, and wherever they gather the possibilities of evil are present, whether they call themselves club or society or fraternity. The possibilities of evil may be neutralized by the cooperation of the college authorities and fraternity officials, professors, alumni and upperclassmen in a national organization as cannot possibly be done with the same effectiveness in an organization purely local.

The one obstacle in the way of making the fraternity entirely ideal in maintaining institutional standards is the fact that all men in college do not belong to fraternities. If every student could find his way into

such a group, we should have in these organizations combined, an ally of great influence in maintaining institutional standards. No crowd so appeals to my sympathy as that great unorganized, heterogeneous mass called in the parlance of the campus "the barbs." My heart often bleeds in pity for the non-fraternity man, because, in many instances, some one has been chosen to fraternity membership for purely adventitious reasons who is far his inferior. The man who feels himself worthy of a place in a fraternity, and who remains uninvited outside the pale, often becomes so disgruntled and sour during undergraduate days that he lays the foundation for a future which marks him as an obstructive cynic. It is not much wonder that these neglected outsiders, usually in the majority, should gather themselves together in loosely-bound organizations of questionable ideals, to control the politics of an institution, thus exerting an influence inimical to all that is best in institutional life. The non-fraternity man enjoys all the advantages which come to a fraternity man save one, and that is the vital one to the collegian. He may have offices and honors in both athletics and scholarship, but social privileges, as a rule, are denied him. A fraternity pin is a badge of admission to social circles which gives to its wearer the love and confidence of woman-kind denied to the man without this credential, and the life of the non-fraternity man is embittered because of a distinction that seems to him utterly bad in its artificiality.

A distinguished state university president has said that it might be possible to make the college fraternity unnecessary. I am hoping that the institution which has given birth to three great American Greek-letter college fraternities may establish a new precedent. I want that institution, by the perfection of a new organization recently founded, to make it possible for every man who enters its student-body to find his way to membership in a company of congenial and helpful men. When every student has membership in a group of national affiliation, guaranteeing to him all the high privileges which are the inalienable rights of college students, not excepting those of the social circle, I shall write another report, and at its beginning and its conclusion I shall say: "If I had been alive one hundred years ago as the head of an institution of learning, and if I could have foreseen exactly all the splendid possibilities of fraternities, I should have encouraged, with all earnestness, the organization of the American college fraternity system. . . ."

The deans of women in our institutions of state support will find the sorority differing in ideals and possibilities from the fraternities only by trifling variations.

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNAE NEWS

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

We have just celebrated our forty-first birthday, and each girl feels inspired with a new enthusiasm for Theta and all that Theta means. Twenty-four active members of the chapter attended the Founders'-day luncheon at the Columbia club in Indianapolis. The reunion was a splendid success. This luncheon is held annually by Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and Zeta alumnae. We look forward to it with increasing interest each year, and lay our plans far ahead. This year Mrs. J. M. Freeman, Alpha '83, presided, and Mrs. Charles N. Mikels, Alpha '82 was toast-mistress. It was a great disappointment that it was not possible for either of our Founders to be present. Mrs. Shaw sent greetings and said that she and her daughter would celebrate Founders'-day in Cleveland, Ohio.

We received a beautiful picture as a birthday gift from Phi Kappa Psi. The chapter has recently received several other very acceptable gifts—chimes for the dining-room, a picture for the library, and a pair of mahogany candle sticks.

Florine Gobin took one of the leading parts in *Our mutual friend*, given by the Young Women's Christian association. Forty thousand dollars has been added recently to the endowment fund. There seems to be no doubt that the necessary amount will be raised.

The Association of Presidents of Methodist colleges met at DePauw January 17 to 19. There were sixty-five college presidents present from all parts of the United States. We were delighted to entertain at that time Mrs. Ermine Fallas Murlin, Alpha '86, wife of the president of Baker University.

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Faye Ruth Miller

'91 Edith Basye Price (Mrs G. C.) of Stanford Univ. has been visiting her sister Blanche Basye Gilmore (Mrs E. A.) in Madison, Wis.

'94 Margaret Jordan's new address is, 1517 Boylston ave. Seattle, Wash.

'02 Our sympathy is extended to Alma John Woodson (Mrs T. P.) in her sorrow over the death of her little son, John.

'04 Ruth Baker is teaching in Baker university, Baldwin, Kan.

'05 Edith Brandt Travis (Mrs Frederick) visited the chapter Jan. 15. Her address is Cocoa, Fla.

'08-ex Mr and Mrs T. L. Johnson (Jessie Riley) announce the birth of a son, Dale Riley, May 23, 1910 at St. Paul's hospital, Manilla, P. I.

'08-ex Ruth Post is spending the winter at Palm Beach, Fla.

'09 Alma Gobin is doing settlement work in Indianapolis under the direction of the Y. W. C. A.

'08-'10 Mary Ibach and Anne Ibach attended the Founders'-day luncheon at Indianapolis and spent Sunday with us.

'10-ex Marie Hendee is teaching athletics in Anderson high school.

'10 Edna Bailey entertained the following guests at a week end house-party at her home in Anderson at the time of the Founders'-day luncheon: Margaret Keiper, Gladys Martin, Nelle Walker, and Ruth Miller of '12, and Louise Jordan '10.

'11-ex Married in Oct. Betty Reed to Dr DuBois. Address: Warsaw, Ind.

'13-ex Angeline Snapp Chambers (Mrs Myron) visited us. Her new address, Oklahoma City, Okla.

'13-ex Birda Goslee and Dr Frank Crockett were married Dec. 14. Address, S. 6th st. Lafayette, Ind.

Recent guests at the chapter house were Grace Ward Church (Mrs W. B.) '85, Ermina Fallas Murlin (Mrs L. H.) '88, Susie McWhirter Ostrom (Mrs Henry) '08, Grace Rhodes '09, Gertrude Taylor '09, Lenore Ford Lawrence (Mrs Chester) '10, Miriam Parr Birch (Mrs L. M.) '12, Elizabeth Von Behren '13.

BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

The after-glow of a beautiful Valentine day is still with us. Last Wednesday with every express we received boxes of lovely violets, beautiful roses and sweet spring flowers, tokens of cheer from friends and folks at home. Our house was such a perfumed bower of loveliness that we decided to give an informal hearts-party in the evening. The world seemed full of hearts, flowers, ices and candy appropriate to the occasion and with a surprisingly little amount of trouble we hung our walls with strings of hearts and shaded our lights with red globes which

shed a charming, soft glow over the tables at which cherry ice, baskets of red candies, and angel-food cake were served.

One of the best times we have had this year was at the banquet which we gave the freshmen after their initiation.

The health of freshmen, seniors, sophomores and juniors alike was drunk from a real loving-cup brimming over with genuine devotion.

We had a Valentine booth at the County-fair last Saturday. There the old adage, that "the shortest way to a man's heart is through his stomach," was brought home to us forcibly. We were the only ones who served anything hot and substantial. Consequently we netted quite a sum of money in return for our chicken pot-pie and coffee. This County-fair is held annually for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian association. Ida Chenoweth '12, has been elected president of that organization.

Ruby Washburn of Anderson and Elida Allen of Bloomington are pledged to Theta, while Harriet Mitchell, Gamma '13, has been affiliated.

Strut and Fret presented Barrie's *Admirable Crichton* on Foundation day, January 20. So many of our girls take an active part in Strut and Fret that its history is almost our history. Katherine Croan '11, Helen Spain '11, and Mabel Dunn '13 had parts in this play, which was the most pretentious play ever given by the club.

Katherine Croan and Helen Spain have the leads in a German play *Der Dummkopf* to be given soon.

Our campus is so beautiful and green now and the air is so balmy that we feel sure the days of the spring can not be far off. Springtime here is the most charming part of the year.

Mabel Dunn

'96 Born to Mr and Mrs W. C. Kruegel (Charlotte Malotte) a son, Carl William.

'98 Caroline Minor Rodecker (Mrs T. W.) spent the week-end with us.

'02 Carrie Forkner and P. J. Lynch were married Nov. 1910.

'04 Anna C. Jones formerly of Ft. Wayne, is teaching Latin in the Tacoma, Wash. high school. Address: 924 S. Grant ave.

'08-ex Married April 5, 1910 Josephine Axtell and C. T. Williams. Address: Richfield, Idaho, where they are proving up on a new ranch.

'08 The new address of Mary Bailey McGaughney (Mrs J. E.) is Lexington flat 55, North Illinois st. Indianapolis.

'08-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Harry Johnson (Margaret Davidson) a son.

'11-ex Blanche Ott is visiting at the chapter house.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

On New Year's day the active chapter, with pledges and several alumnae, kept open house at Mrs. Charles Eichrodt's. Here we received a large number of our friends, including several girls from Beta who stopped to see us on their way back to college.

A week later, January 9, we held our initiation, also at the home of Mrs. Eichrodt. The initiates were Charlotte Allen, Eda Boos, Lesley Clay, Marie Downs, Mary Flemming, Ellen McMurray, Mary Parker, Marie Pritchard, and Ethel Sellars of Indianapolis, Rebecca Noland. of Anderson, Helen Thompson of Columbus, Eremia Wilk of Rushville, and Genevieve New of Greenfield. Many alumnae, and visitors from other chapters, were present—about fifty in all. A buffet supper followed the service. Still another week later, January 17, we held a second initiation for Lucy Hughes, who was ill the week before.

We wish to announce a new pledge, Mildred Harris, of Indianapolis, who formerly attended Wilson college.

About 150 members of the Indiana chapters celebrated Founders'-day with a luncheon at the Columbia club. Small tables were arranged around one large one, where the toast-mistress and more important guests were seated. A harpist played during the luncheon, at the close of which, the Theta Prayer was sung by Fern Brendel, Gamma.

Mrs. John Freeman presided and introduced Mrs. Charles N. Mikels at toast-mistress. The toasts were: *Theta, an Honor to the college world*, by Margaret Keiper, Alpha '12; *Theta a factor in the business world* by Jeanne Crowder, Beta '12; *Theta, a leavener of the social world* by Nell Reed, Gamma '11; *Theta, an inspiration in the home* by Hope Davis, Zeta alumnae.

The celebration of the Founders'-day of Butler college, was held February 7. President Bates, of Hiram college, was the guest of the morning and conducted the chapel service. Fern Brendel had charge of the music. In the evening a dinner was given at the Claypool hotel, for trustees, faculty, students, alumni, and friends of the college. President Howe acted as master of ceremonies. The speakers of the evening were President Francis J. McConnell of DePauw, and President William J. Bryan of Indiana university.

Lotus club has been very busy this year. It has given a musicale, at which Florence McHatton sang. It is planning to give *Uncle Rodney*, in which Nell Reed takes the part of Uncle Rodney.

The Chemistry club has been re-organized and holds weekly meetings, at which some leading chemist of the city addresses the club.

Butler has been very fortunate in securing good chapel speakers this year. Two of the most important ones were: Honorable H. C. Scherill, United States Minister to Argentina and Reverend Jenkins Lloyd Jones of Chicago. Mr. Jones also gave an address before the Irvington Athenaeum. Dr. Faunce, president of Brown, will address the February meeting of Athenaeum. Seniors are the only students which are allowed to attend Athenaeum meetings.

Butler college has been asked to join an interstate oratorical league composed of six colleges of Ohio and Indiana.

A new rule has been made by the faculty, which forbids any fraternity or college dance to continue after 11:15 p. m. except on Saturday evenings.

The Dramatic club has been very busy deciding on a play. The faculty has taken an interest in this organization, and everything possible is being done to make it a large success. Gamma has two representatives in the club.

The Indiana Gamma chapter of Phi Delta Theta entertained for the active Thetas with a dance. The Delta Tau Delta chapter held open-house at their home, January 31, for faculty, students and friends.

Mrs. Edgington and the girls at Butler residence held a large reception for the students of the college. In the evening of the same day the faculty and their families were received. *Engaging Janet* was presented, Nell Reed took the part of Miss Briggs.

Charlotte Allen '14 received a place on the honor roll for fall term.

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Helen M. Reed

'07-ex Cordelia Butler is spending several months with her brother in Mexico.

'08 Anna Hughes Wilkinson (Mrs H. B.) who was married in Dec. is living in Indianapolis, 1744 Talbott ave.

'09 Margaret Axtel spent her Christmas vacation with her parents in Indianapolis.

'09-ex Frieda Woerner has accepted a position in one of the Indianapolis branch libraries.

'09-ex The engagement of Jessie Morgan Ragsdale to E. L. Foley, Indiana, ΣX, has been announced. The wedding will take place in March.

'10-ex Hazel Hendrix of Tangier, Ind. visited her sister, Mrs Sutherland in Jan.

'11-ex Margaret Browning spent several weeks at the Delta Gamma house at the University of Missouri.

'11-ex Florence Snodgrass who is teaching in Marion, Ind. spent her vacation at her home in Indianapolis.

'11-ex Alice Mummenhoff is seriously ill.

'11-ex Marion Bottsford, Greenfield, was with us for initiation. She is attending Mrs Blaker's teachers college, Indianapolis.

'12-ex Beulah Meek of Urbana, Ohio, visited Genevieve New and attended initiation and the Founders'-day luncheon.

'12-ex Sue Thompson has been very ill at her home in Columbus, Ind.

'14 Eda Boos entertained the active girls and pledges with a dance at her home.

'14 Lesley Clay attended the Junior Prom at Miami university in Feb.

'14 Ethel Sellars attended a Phi Delt house-party at Purdue in Feb. She also visited the Theta house at Indiana the same month.

Mrs Wilk, Alpha, of Rushville, and daughter Edith, Beta, visited Erema Wilk at the dormitory.

Harriet Mitchel of Edinburgh, who was pledged Theta at Butler last term, entered Indiana this term and is pledged Theta there.

Recent visitors to the chapter were Roxana Thayer, Fern Brendel from our own alumnae, Anna McGee, Ella Osborne, Katherine Croan, Ruby Washburn, Margaret Latham, Mary Keltner, Mabel Dunn, Mary Fisher, Jeanne Crowder, Dorothy Thornburg from Beta, and Marjorie Benton from Tau.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The freshmen entertained us one evening last week with a stunt show followed by a delicious spread. This is an old custom in the chapter. Thursday evening of this week the town girls gave a spread to the house girls, starting what they say is going to be a custom of an annual town girls spread.

Next Tuesday evening, February 6, the Post-exam jubilee takes place. This belongs as uniquely to Illinois as the Homecoming. It is a stunt show in which any of the men's organizations may take part. The Young Men's Christian association is at the head of it and the proceeds of the collection which is taken, goes to support one of their missionaries in South America.

Initiation is set for February 25. There are always a great many of the old girls back at this time, and we hope for even a larger number than usual this year.

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Marion L. Percival

'01 Born Jan. 26, to Mr and Mrs J. C. Gustafson (Jane Mather) a son.

'04 Born Jan. 7, to Mildred Sonntag Franklin a daughter.

'08 Elizabeth Laflin gave a very enjoyable engagement spread to all the town and house girls.

'10-ex Lois Green Guild, husband and baby have returned to Campaign after a year at Cambridge where Professor Guild was working for his Doctors degree.

'11 Our chaperone Mother Baird is going to Rockford, Ill. for five weeks in connection with her library work.

Recent guests at the chapter house were Miriam Samter '11, and Gertrude Humphrey '09.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Now that Christmas holidays and New Year's greetings are things of the past, Epsilon has been trying to settle down. Several events have happened since the last JOURNAL. We had our big rushing party at the home of Clarissa and Adelia Annat, and no one who has ever had the pleasure of being entertained there, is likely to forget it. At six we sat down to a most beautifully appointed dinner, and after dinner we danced in the third floor ball-room.

We can give one more small informal stunt before Pledge-day, which comes February 10. This will be an informal affair at the home of one of our alumnæ.

We have had several informal Theta gatherings and evenings lately. Sewing parties have become the popular thing. Adelia Annat is to be married very soon and as she is going to live in Florida, we are trying to see a great deal of her before she goes.

Since December, our university has secured the million dollar endowment it has been striving for. Plans for a new gymnasium and men's dormitory are drawn. By this time next year we expect to have these two beautiful new buildings on the campus.

Last week Miss Louise Fitch, Delta Delta Delta, editor of the *Trident*, visited Delta Sigma Nu, which is petitioning for a Tri Delta charter. All the fraternity girls in college met in Theta hall one afternoon, where Miss Fitch gave a most

instructive talk on Panhellenic, sophomore pledging, and rushing as it exists in colleges today.

The musical talent of the college and city was well represented in the cast of *The gondoliers*, given last week. The opera was well attended.

In the May number of the *JOURNAL* we shall announce the names of our freshmen, as our rushing season will soon be over.

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Elisa Candor

'04-ex Harriet Townley was married to Mr J. W. Hunter, Jan. 10. Their home is in Evansville, Ind.

'06 Mary Sanborne Allen (Mrs H. D.) is moving to Erie, Pa

'07 Born Jan. 21, to Mr and Mrs J. L. Goheen (Jane Corbett) a boy, John Lawrence.

'08 Born, Jan. 21, to Mr and Mrs T. M. Black (Marguerite White) twin girls.

'08 Urna Sarles (Mrs B. T. Work) has a new address, Gerard Hall, 569 W. 182d st. New York city.

'10-ex Adelia Annat has announced her engagement to Edward Shupe '04, Σ X. They are to be married early in March.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Eta celebrated the fraternity birthday quietly this year, inviting no out-of-town guests. But we do wish that our alumnæ would try to visit us for Chain-day, which will come later in the year, when Ann Arbor is at its best. We do want every Theta who lives within a reasonable distance to make a special effort to be with us at that time. At the Founders'-day banquet in Chicago there were thirteen Eta's out of fifty-two present. Anna Drummond presided as toast-mistress.

Charlotte Griest, who is spending the winter in California, sent us two beautiful silver filagree sandwich plates, engraved with the letters K A Θ, and two embroidered doilies to go with them, Charlotte is enjoying a new run-about which she has just purchased. She sends a special invitation to any Etas who may be at the convention to come and see her.

Mrs. Scott of Toledo has been with us as chaperon this month until Mrs. Vedder arrives.

One of our freshmen, Stella Roth, has recently been elected to honorary membership in the Forestry club, having the distinction of being the only girl in the organization.

Ellen Terry will come to Ann Arbor February 9, to lecture under the auspices of the Woman's league, her subject being, *Shakespeare's Heroines*. Even now, it looks as if the lecture would be a grand success financially. Half of the ushers are to be girls from the Woman's league, quite an innovation in the university.

We regret the departure of one of our most active freshmen, Emma Heath. Her health has necessitated her withdrawal from college for a short rest. She expects to be out of school all February and part of March, resuming her work about March 9.

The date for the annual Woman's banquet is March 31. Governor Osborne and President Hutchins have promised to be present. Our chapter house has ample accommodation and a hearty welcome for every Theta who would like to attend.

Elisa Candor of Epsilon who is coming to Ann Arbor for the J hop, as a guest at the Sigma Chi house, will visit us for a short time.

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Ruby Scott

'95 Myra Post Cady is now living in her beautiful new home, 177 Seybourn ave. Detroit.

'01 Jane Pollock has announced her engagement to Ernest Anderson, A. B. Northwestern.

'03 We extend our deepest sympathy to Una Palmer Lynch because of the death of her father.

'03 Born to Mr and Mrs W. D. Steele (Helen Post) a son, Hoyt Post.

'08 Mary Leona White announces her engagement to G. H. Brown of Pittsburg, '08 Ohio State. They will be married in Sept.

'09 Emma Weitz and Nettie Gehring (ex-'12) are spending the winter in the Bermudas.

'09 Mabel Wilcox Mason has announced her engagement to Carl

Brewer, Δ K E, Yale A. B. Boston Tech. M. E. The wedding will be in Aug. at "Pine Cabin" on the Bay de Noc.

'10 Bernice Randall and her sister Mrs Jossman of Detroit, made us a short visit near holiday time.

'11-ex Julia Williams will be married to Mr Allan Brett Feb 25. Their home will be in New York city.

'08 Mary White and Edith Thomas (ex-'10) are planning to come to Ann Arbor for the May Festival.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

At last, initiation has come. Last Friday we initiated six fine girls; one entering sophomore, Rebecca Harris, Ithaca, and five freshmen, Ruth Bayer, Toledo, Ohio, Susan and Louise Bontecou, Troy, New York, Lois Robbins, Stamford, Connecticut, and Persis Smith, New York city. We held our initiation at the home of Sara Bailey '09, and the banquet in the private dining-room of the Alhambra. Several alumnae came back for it, and we hope they will come again next year and every year. They were Abbie Potts '06, Mary Donellan '07, and Ethel Whiteley '10.

Our generous alumnae have again done something splendid for us. They have had our JOURNALS bound, something which we appreciate very, very much.

The Sage dramatic club has just given two plays. The cast included two Thetas, Jean Potts and Susan Bontecou.

We are all delighted over Mrs. Russell Sage's generous gift of \$300,000 to the university, for another dormitory to accommodate the 175 girls who now live in boarding houses because the dormitories are not capable of housing all the women students. The new building is to be named Prudence Risley Hall.

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Katherine Wilson Potts

'98 Born to Mr and Mrs Joseph Matson (Kathleen Connor) of Fort Washington, Md. a son, Feb 1.

'03 Born to Mr and Mrs A. W. Kent (Juliet Crossett) a daughter, Constance.

'04-ex Born, Nov. 24, to Mr and Mrs F. J. O'Neill (Grace Northrup) a daughter, Emily Mary.

'05 The engagement is announced of Josephine Andrews and Walter McGill of Philadelphia.

'05 Elizabeth Nichols left in Jan. for China, where she will teach in a mission school.

'08 Edna Mertz Carmen (Mrs P. D.) has a new address, Kenosha, Ill.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

January 21 we pledged Marion Bedford, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a sophomore in the School of fine arts. This is her first term here.

Friday, January 20, we gave our big spring party in Fraternal aid hall. The programs were white with the coat-of-arms on the front in gold. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Barteldes (Helen Schaeffer, Kappa ex-'06) and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Creagor (Helen Alder, Kappa '05) led the Grand march. There were about one hundred dancing couples. Many of the alumnae returned for the party—these visited at the house several days—Hazel Allison, '10, Betty Laird '09, Margaret Forde, ex-'13, and Helen Janes '10.

Marguerite Stone, a sophomore, had the lead in *The idle idol*, an original musical comedy given last week by the Red domino dramatic club. Oreta Moore also was in the cast.

Sixty-five Thetas attended the Founders'-day banquet Friday evening in the Young Men's Christian association hall. Clara Gilham was toast-mistress. Two active girls and three alumnae responded to: The bitter-sweet, Our pansy buds, In reminiscent mood, Our campaign, The Theta Chain. The programs were artistic booklets with covers decorated with bitter-sweet in water colors.

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Lois Harger

'02 Married, Winifred Everingham and H. S. Bailey. Address: 1705 35th st. N. W. Washington, D. C.

'03 Born in Nov. to Mr and Mrs Krauskopf (Maud Bates) a son.

'03 Anna Warfield of Abilene is visiting Rebecca Moody, '08.

'10 Helen Gleissner of Abilene is visiting at the chapter house.

'10 Lola Smart Clarke (Mrs Wm.) is moving from Pittsburg, Pa. to St. Joseph, Mo.

'10 Married, Ann Troutman and Warrick Updegraff. Address: 131 Greenwood ave. Topeka, Kan.

'11-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Floyd Doubleday (Alice Wilhelmi) of Kansas City, Mo. a daughter, Alice.

Maxae Buechle, Alpha Iota, spent several days last week at the chapter house.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Lambda's initiation was held at the home of our alumna, Mrs. Jacobs, December 10, and was followed by the initiation banquet at the chapter rooms. We always look forward to initiation as a time when many of our alumnae are back, and we were not disappointed this year.

The friends of the women's department are rejoicing in the appointment of Miss Terrill as Dean of women. Professor Terrill has been at the head of the home economics department since it was started, a year and a half ago, and has been most successful in her work. Her position as Dean of women is one of many responsibilities but of magnificent opportunities. She will live at Grassmount and have general supervision of all the college girls. The appointment has met with general rejoicing on the part of the girls, for in the year in which she has been among them, she has won their friendship and respect by her pleasing personality and her evident interest in their welfare.

January 21, we had the privilege of hearing very rousing addresses on socialism by Miss Stolkes and Miss Stanford, who are members of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate socialist club.

Vermont is very proud to have sixteen members of its faculty, and twenty-one of its alumni mentioned in *American men of science* just issued by the Science press.

Those among us who are baseball enthusiasts are interested in the outcome of the game with Harvard which has been

arranged for May 6. As Vermont won 9 to 5 the last time she played Harvard, our hopes are high.

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Theta Baker

'84 The son of Jessie Wright Whitcomb (Mrs G. H.) has just been appointed Rhodes scholar from Kansas.

'94 Lilian and Jessie Scott of Worcester, Mass. were called to Burlington in Jan. for the funeral of their mother.

'96 Lambda sympathizes deeply with Annie Leavens Manchee, (Mrs W. A.) in the loss of her second son.

'99 Announcements have been received of the marriage of May Russell to W. F. Stephenson.

'08 Married, Dec. 21, Florence Votey and E. L. Waterman. Address: State college, Pa.

Lucy Bean, Maud Davis and Miriam Hitchcock were in Burlington for the Votey-Waterman wedding.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The evening before going home for our Christmas vacation, our seniors entertained the chapter at a turkey dinner—a truly Christmas celebration which was enjoyed very much.

On Saturday, January 14, Mrs. Florence Grauel Miller '08, entertained the chapter at afternoon tea in honor of Grace Miller '10, who was our guest over Sunday. We had a delightfully informal time and one which made us appreciate even more, having Mrs. Miller in Meadville.

January 25, the chapter entertained our town alumnae, the active members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, of Alpha Chi Omega, the two members of Alpha Xi Delta who are at Allegheny, and the wives of the faculty at an "at home" in our chapter rooms. In the receiving line were Ruth Kelly '11, Miss Spalding, Dean of women, Bess Metcalf '11, Emma Edson '01, and Mrs. F. P. Miller '08.

A short time before Christmas the Ladies Missionary society of the Stone church asked each fraternity to dress a doll for the bazaar. The Theta doll was a typical society lady in a décolleté gown of yellow messaline with a black cape lined with yellow and trimmed with gold.

On Saturday evening, January 28, we had an informal Founders'-day celebration. We were greatly surprised and pleased to receive from last year's seniors a beautiful brass tea service.

Allegheny has been very proud of its Men's dramatic association, Duzer Du, which has won an excellent reputation by its yearly productions. However, lately new interest has been aroused by the announcement of the organization of a girls dramatic association by the name of Klee-O-Kleet. As yet, little is known about Klee-O-Kleet except that it intends to "make good." We are eagerly awaiting further developments.

(Later)—Pledge-day was February 11 and Mu is proud to announce as pledges: May Girsham of Rangoon, Burma, Fay Barnes and Ruth Dodd of Zanesville, Ohio, Rachel Smith of Meadville, Gay Kellogg of Titusville, and Gertrude Hammond of Reynoldsville.

1 February 1911

Marguerite Shelmadine

'94 Elvira Bascom was a delegate to the American library association convention held in Chicago in Dec. Miss Bascom spent the Christmas holidays resting in Oconomowoc, Wis. sanitarium.

'97 Edna Hayes Brakeman (Mrs William) of Erie, who has been visiting Rebecca Cooper, attended the reception in the chapter rooms.

'04 Bess Dutton of Ben Avon, Pa. spent a few days recently with her parents, Prof and Mrs W. T. Dutton of Meadville.

Grace Miller '10, Josephine Bates Webb (Mrs. C. L.) ex-'00, Rebecca Cooper '90, Belle Limber '01, Emma Edson '01, Edna Hayes Brakeman (Mrs Wm.) '97, have been recent visitors to our chapter rooms.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

There was great excitement the first two days after Christmas vacation for Theta. All members, both active and alumnae, hastened back to attend the wedding of Minnie Swezey and George Elmendorf. The wedding was at the Vine Congregational church and the bridal party was all Thetas. After the wedding, a reception was held at the bride's home. We are very sorry to lose from our midst so powerful and loyal a Theta,

but our best wishes go with her to her now home in Kirby, Wyoming.

The college members of Rho gave an informal dancing party at Walsh hall on January 7. A few of the alumnae, who live in the near vicinity of Lincoln, were present. All reported a delightful time.

Founders'-day was celebrated by a luncheon Saturday, January 28 at the Young Women's Christian association rooms. About thirty enjoyed a very sociable time.

Three great functions in our college year will happen within the next month. These are banquet, initiation and our annual formal party. February 25 is the date for initiation and banquet. The initiation of seven of our freshmen will take place in the early part of the day, while the banquet will be held at the Lindell hotel in the evening. The formal party will be given at the Lincoln hotel on March 4. A great number of alumnae are expected on both of these occasions.

There has been agitation among sororities and fraternities, as well as among the faculty, a movement toward simplicity in the social functions. The idea is to have fewer parties and less elaborate ones. Cabs at formal parties have been abolished, and it has been suggested that a place be provided on the campus for informal dances.

Another movement, which is arousing great interest among the sorority girls, is to get the girls better acquainted. In order to do this, a schedule plan has been suggested, in which two girls from each sorority will eat dinner at another sorority house once every week.

Intersorority council has been discussing quite vigorously a second semester pledging day. This is favored by a great many of the sororities as well as by the faculty.

We are all looking forward, with the greatest pleasure to convention. A number of the girls have already decided to go and we hope that a great many more will so decide in the near future.

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E. Ruth Lindley

'90 Gertrude Laws Hardy (Mrs W. E.) has gone abroad with her husband and mother for an eight months trip.

'97-ex Born, Dec. 3, a daughter to Mr and Mrs Alexander Sheldon (Charlotte Clarke).

'02-ex Ellen Douglas is spending the winter in Mexico with her sister Janie Douglas Bell (Mrs J. H.)

'03 Margie Loomis David (Mrs G. W.) is now in Mobile, Ala. where her husband is stationed in the Revenue cutter service.

'03 Jeannette Post Sedgewick (Mrs A. E.) with her small son Wallace, has returned to Mexico after two months at her parents home in York, where Mrs Sedgewick was convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever.

'04-ex Born, Nov. 27, to Mr and Mrs J. H. Bell (Janie Douglas) a son at Mexico city.

'04 Nellore Wilson Swan (Mrs O. T.) is spending the winter in Washington, D. C. Address: 3605 Norton Place, Cleveland Park.

'04-ex Martha Post is city librarian at Buffalo, Wym.

'07 Claire Dovey is teaching in Fort Morgan, Colo.

'07 Edith Robbins Day (Mrs W. F.) is spending the winter at King Hill, Idaho.

'07 Mr and Mrs Allen Murphey (Mabel Dutch) have moved from Omaha to Winnipeg, Can.

'07-ex Faith Hoel is studying at the University of Chicago, preparatory to carrying on more extensively her work in journalism.

'07 Mildred Post is giving lectures and demonstrations in domestic science in connection with the Farmers' institutes.

'07 Minnie Swezey was married, Jan. 3, to George Elmendorf, K Σ. Address: Kirby, Wym.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs L. B. Wilson (Silence Stewart) a son in Dec.

'10 Margaret Wheeler will return from New York in time for initiation and banquet.

'11-ex Harriet Pier Tidball and L. T. Johnson, Φ Γ Δ, will be married Feb. 21 at Crete, Neb.

'13-ex Louise Northrop has returned to college.

Kate Martin, Upsilon, visited us a few days in Jan.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

During the Christmas vacation eight of our alumnae were present at a very enjoyable house-party in Dundas at the home of Mabel Steele. Afterwards each of us received a yellow

card-board cat with the girls' names written on the back. They had been used as decorations and seemed to give us all a taste of the party.

We celebrated Founders'-day with a supper in the chapter room. Some of the alumnae were not able to be present as they were taking part in a French play which was given at the meeting of the Women's literary society that night. The play was *Les précieuses ridicules*. The girls taking part were Edith Van der Smissen, Mabel Millman, Marian Coats and Dora Mavor.

We had arranged to take some of the little girls from the Children's aid for a sleigh-ride on the afternoon of Founders'-day. However there was no snow and so the children are still looking forward to it.

This has been an unusually mild winter and we are beginning to fear that we will not be able to hold our skating parties. Each college class has a skating party followed by an informal dance. It will be a great disappointment if the weather does not soon change.

Every year the students in residence give a play to entertain the faculty. The play this year was *Mr H* a farce by Charles Lamb and it was a splendid success. Alice Ball '11, was on the committee of the Queen's hall dramatic club and Muriel Cameron, Jean Tom and Helen Smellie had parts in the play.

Theater night is to be January 31. It is an annual custom for the students to have possession of one of our theaters for one evening. There is never a dull moment, for between acts the students call on favorite professors to speak or else take a part in the entertainment themselves.

The Queen's hall dance will be held February 9. This is generally the last event in the college year, for after it we settle down to steady work.

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Helen G. Smellie

'90 Miss Lawler, who is on the Senate of the University, spoke at a recent meeting of the Women's literary society.

'07 Mabel Steele is visiting her sister in Vancouver.

'07 Mabel Millman is spending a few weeks in Pittsburgh. She hopes to meet some of the Thetas there.

'08 Helen Thompson is in town for a few days.

'10-ex Dora Mavor is in Toronto this winter studying at the Margaret Eaton school of expression.

'11-ex Blanche Steele is spending the winter in London, England. Her address is 60 Philbeach Earls court, c/o Miss Loveridge.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Just before the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Mary Orth Webster, one of our alumnae, gave a charming Japanese tea as a rushing party for Tau. During the afternoon seven of the girls in costume acted a song from the opera of *San Toi*.

Our annual Christmas entertainment, given by the freshmen, was clever, and they proved themselves excellent hostesses. Instead of our usual Christmas tree, we voted to use the money to buy gifts for ten children in the Chicago slums.

On January 21 Founders'-day luncheon was held at the Union league club, Chicago. On the same day, Helen Chapman gave a tea in honor of her sister, Louise Chapman Reinbold of St. Paul, and Josephine Cooper '10.

Northwestern is joyful over her recent victories: winning the debate from Michigan; and the swimming meet from Chicago.

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'05-ex Born, Jan. 5, to Mr and Mrs P. R. Davis (Herta Curme) of San Diego, a son, Roland Chenoweth.

'07 Louise Chapman Reinbold of St. Paul is visiting her parents in Evanston.

'10-ex Agnes Newhall West (Mrs P. F.) is now living at 195 Newton ave. Oakland, Calif.

Marguriette Beeson, Beta, visited Tau Jan. 27. She is attending Chicago university.

Helen Joyce, Upsilon, visited us Jan. 23.

After a semester spent with Alpha, Mary Ashly will return to Northwestern to continue her course in music.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

At last Upsilon has a home of its own! The house was bought in January but we will not take possession until May. We are overjoyed to think that our days of crowded chapter meetings are almost over, and that we will soon have a room large enough for all of us.

Our annual Christmas spread and tree was at the home of Ruth Haynes Carpenter, December 15. This year we divided into groups, and each group gave some present to the house, while each girl received a ten cent present. The house received new draperies for the parlor, hall and dining-room, brass candlesticks, a percolator and tray, a baking dish, and a set of K A © spoons.

On January 16, a dance was given by the men's fraternities of the university. This dance was such a success that it is to become an annual event.

Our Founders'-day banquet was January 28. Instead of our usual formal banquet, on account of the death of Lucretia Bailey, we had an informal banquet in St. Paul at the home of Henrietta Raudenbush. About sixty Thetas were present, to join in the celebration over the new house and to hear our plans for the coming year.

The new president of the University of Minnesota spoke in chapel on January 21. Dr. Vincent was eagerly welcomed, but we are all sad over Dr. Northrop's retirement.

30 January 1911

Margaret McCampbell

Sorrow has come to Mildred and Doris Brown in the death of their father Jan. 17.

Mrs H. W. Wilson has returned from a trip abroad.

'99 Lena Koch has returned to Santa Barbara. Before she left Minneapolis there was given a recital of several groups of children's songs of which she had written both words and music.

'11-ex Lucretia Bailey died in California on Dec. 31, 1910. The funeral was held in Minneapolis.

'12-ex Born to Mr and Mrs John Morson (Jean Macmillan) a daughter, Donna Dill, Dec. 25.

Jane Machen has returned to her home in Savanna, Ill.

Married, Jan. 17, 1911, Martha Robinson and Charles Morehead McCoy. Address 705 S. 9th st, Minneapolis.

The following engagements are announced: Miriam Pfaff to Laurence Luckner; Mildred Dockstader to Carl Sischo; Mary Holliday to Lynn C. Farnam, Psi Upsilon.

'01 The sympathy of all Thetas is with Clara Fanning, president of Delta Alpha district, whose father died Feb. 5, after a brief illness.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

It has been raining most of the time since our return for the second semester. So we have been enjoying fireside embroidery parties and five o'clock teas which are cozy.

Old Santa was good to us this Christmas! Helen Green '10 gave us a set of compote glasses and our house-mother, Mrs. Fancher, gave us a Japanese tray. Ella Silcott Don Carlos (Mrs. H. E.) of Theta, who is now living in Palo Alto, remembered us with a ten pound box of candy.

The women of the university have organized a Boat club, and are looking forward to many jolly times on the lake. Maude Cleveland, Omega, is now in charge of the Women's sports and athletics at Stanford and is living at the chapter house. Helen Hill, also of Omega, has registered for postgraduate work. We are more than glad to have these Omega Thetas with us.

Alberta Hanna has been elected to Cap and gown, the women's honor society of the university.

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Vesta M. Wagner

'95 Katherine Nash Thomas (Mrs C. C.) who has been ill since early in November, is now in the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, for a month.

'97 Margaret Deming Moloney (Mrs E. H.) recently visited in Palo Alto with Dora Moody Williams (Mrs T. M.)

'02 Helen Lathrop, reference librarian at Stanford, is visiting in Santa Barbara.

'04 Born, Dec. 17, to Prof and Mrs R. M. Alden (Barbara Hitt) a son, John Gustavus.

'06-ex Lieut and Mrs Mathew Thomlinson (Edith Miller) have re-

turned from Alaska and will be stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

'06 Born in Sept. to Mr and Mrs Dalbert Twitchel (Cornelia Steven-son) a son Van Valkenberg.

'08 Born, Dec. 17, to Mr and Mrs F. H. Fowler (Elsie Branner) a son, Frederick Hall, jr. Address 221 Kingsley ave. Palo Alto, Calif.

'10 Lucile Ozier Wheeler (Mrs R. B.) has a new address, 1129 Oxley Court, Pasadena, Calif.

'10 Helen Green is visiting in Los Angeles with her aunt, Ada Edwards Laughlin (Mrs Homer).

'10 Maybelle Barlow has announced her engagement to Tudor Tiedemann, Φ K Ψ.

'10 Florence Burrell returned for a few days visit to Phi, this last month.

'13-ex During a recent visit with us, Ann Nutt announced her engagement to Robert Baker ex-'08.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Chi has been very busy socially, for the last few months. The girls decorated the house very prettily for a dinner-dance. Then, too, we gave a reception to the faculty and the faculty wives. Eloise Andrews Woolever, Gertrude White Williamson, and Edna Shepard helped us to entertain the guests.

Though Christmas seems a long time ago, it would be a shame not to speak of the tree which the juniors decked for the chapter; it was a real tree, surrounded by a heap of packages. After the gifts had been opened, one might easily have fancied himself in the toy department of a dry-goods store, judging from the sights and the sounds. In addition to the usual Christmas candy, we had the lovely big box of B. H. H. which Edna Ackerman brought along with her.

Dean Smalley of Liberal arts, who has just recovered from a long illness, has been granted a year's leave of absence by the university.

Sometime during the first part of March, a big circus will be held in the gymnasium. There will be three rings, tight-rope walking, side-shows and a minstrel show. Last year, four

hundred dollars was made in this way, half of which went to the band, the other half to decorate the trophy room of the gymnasium.

On the fraternity birthday our chaperon, Miss Charles, gave us a beautiful cut glass vase. Florence Wilson made us a handsome drawn-work centerpiece. We had a cozy little dinner-party—thanks to our fine alumnæ.

Professor Smallwood is giving a very interesting set of lectures to the girls on "Hygiene," it is unnecessary to say that they are equally practical.

30 January 1911

Lillian Leonard

Resolved, that since our dear sister, Edith Knight Howlett, has passed from our presence, we, the active members of Chi chapter and the alumnae, offer our sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family.

Jennie Bingham

Grace O'Hara

Lillian Leonard

'94 Myrtle Thompson is living at 62 Montague st, Brooklyn.

'96 Jessie Mains Strong (Mrs A. E.) has been spending the winter in California. They are travelling extensively for the benefit of Dr Strong's health.

'01 Mary Emily Curtis sailed for Bermuda Jan. 14

'04-ex Maisa Parker Nusbickel (Mrs. Frederick) has moved from Los Angeles to Glendora, Calif.

'01-'02 Olivia Pratt '01 and Mrs George M. Van Slyke '02 entertained the Chi alumnae who live in the vicinity of New York city, at the home of the latter in Brooklyn Dec. 10. There were a large number present and plans for Chi's projected chapter house were discussed most enthusiastically.

'01 Mabel Howe Mable (Mrs Clare) recently visited the chapter house.

'97 Gladys Hibbard Stranahan (Mrs J. O.) was here for the birthday party.

'98 Edith Knight Howlett died at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Jan. 15.

'07 Florence Wilson attended the fraternity birthday party. She is teaching at Chittenango.

'09 Carrie Fraser came to our birthday party and stayed until Jan. 30.

'10 Edna Ackerman stopped off at Syracuse to attend the Christ-

mas fraternity meeting. That night her engagement was announced to John F. Greathead of Rome, N. Y. Edna is now with her sister, Edith Ackerman Dawson.

'13 On Jan. 25, Eleanor Wesco was married to Robert C. McCroskey, jr. Eleanor will live in Garfield, Wash.

We were pleased to have Katherine Boynton Jane (Mrs Walter) of Upsilon, at our birthday party. She is living here in Syracuse.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The first red-letter day since our last letter to the JOURNAL was before Christmas, when all the chapter was entertained by Mrs. Martha Merry Buell, Iota '85, at our annual Christmas-tree party. For three years now we have enjoyed Mrs. Buell's hospitality on that occasion.

After the holidays the intersorority bowling league began its series of games, not to be completed until next semester. So far our team has won every game but one.

Miss Pauline W. Shepard, Iota '86, has just completed a series of four informal Saturday afternoon teas, given here at the chapter house. Each Saturday, a different class of the girls in the chapter was invited to assist.

January 27 the Madison alumnae joined the girls in a picnic supper at the chapter house to celebrate Founders'-day. A big white-frosted cake with black numerals, 1870, and gold candles, caused much merriment as each alumna blew out her candle and make a wish for the fraternity.

Psi greatly enjoyed the Round Robin letter which Delta Alpha district has started this year. We hope the other chapters will care to have even another visit from the Robin this year.

As a kind of "good of the order," Psi wishes to add in this letter that she admires the new and artistic cover design of the JOURNAL.

30 January 1911

F. L. Van Vliet

'90 Harriet B. Merrill, of the Wisconsin biological department, attended the American scientific convention in Minneapolis, Dec. 27-30.

'98 Mr and Mrs B. H. Meyer (Alice Carleton) have moved from Madison to Washington, D. C. Mr Meyer having been appointed to the Interstate commerce commission.

'00 Winifred Smith Fruit (Mrs J. C.) is making her home in New Orleans.

'01-ex Kate Graham visited Blanche Brigham Harper (Mrs J. C.) early in Dec.

'01 Kate M. Buell is teaching in Fallbrook, Cal.

'02-ex Phoebe L. Buell is teaching in the grades in Tacoma, Wash. Address, 602 N. Ainsworth ave.

'03 The chapter extends sympathy to Mae Styles Brümer (Mrs Geo.) who recently lost her baby.

'05-ex-'08-ex Lucretia Whitehead and Josephine W. Whitehead have a new address, 109 Lafayette st. Denver.

'09-ex Ruth Cook visited the chapter Jan. 23. We extend our sympathy to her in the loss of her mother last summer in Switzerland.

'11-'12 Hester Harper has been elected president of Pythia and initiated into Keystone. Olive Simpson was elected vice-president of Pythia and Leotta Van Vliet vice-president of Round Table.

'11 Katherine D. Wright will resume her work and complete her course this next semester.

'12-ex Marguerite McConville has had to leave college on account of her mother's illness.

'13 Laura Gilman has been elected to the athletic association.

Mollie Strong, Elise Dexter, Frances McIntosh, Marion Peabody, Helen Hutchison, Leila Peacock, and Julia Doe were recent visitors to Psi.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

College is once more in full swing, midst the added delight of pouring rain, thirteen inches of it in two weeks, having somewhat dampened our ardor.

The fraternity birthday was celebrated with delight. Our sophomores bedecked in wonderfully amazing costumes, produced a burlesque on *Chantecler*, with great success and humor.

Ednah Wickson Kelly spoke of the meaning of Founders'-day, the first constitution, and the growth of the fraternity to

its present size and strength. In every way the celebration of our forty-first birthday was a happy occasion.

30 January 1911

Helen Janet Eames.

'95 Edith Bonnell was married in Nov. to Judge Frank Dunn of San Francisco.

'09 Maude Cleveland has accepted a position at Stanford university as head of women's athletics.

'10 Helen Hill is taking postgraduate work at Stanford university.

'10 Married, Dec. 12, Irene Bangs and Aldrich Barton of Oakland, Calif.

'12 Alice and Martha Earl who have been traveling in Europe for ten months, reentered college Feb. 1.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The tea on Founders'-day, given by Theta alumnæ at the College club in Philadelphia, was—as last year—a great success. It afforded us an opportunity to see informally our "old girls" and Thetas from other chapters.

There have been some exciting class basketball matches in the men's gymnasium; the freshmen winning the championship after a hard game with the seniors. The Swarthmore team has been successful until the recent games with Baltimore Medical college, and the Navy. It is rather early in the season to say whether we are successful or not.

A Young Women's Christian association has lately been established. There has never been such an organization at Swarthmore, because until lately the college has been a sectarian institution under the supervision of the Hixite Friends. The organization is well started although the girls belonging to Evangelical churches are greatly in the minority, and the active membership thus greatly limited.

A new plan has been introduced for the seating of students in the dining-room. This was a drawing for tables by lot, a method which has been used very successfully in other colleges in the east. If the "lottery" is as successful upon a second

trial as it proved tonight, it will be adopted for at least one night each week.

The Panhellenic association has had one meeting to decide upon next year's Pledge-day. As all three of the other fraternities are strongly in favor of a six weeks' Pledge-day, and we are just as determined for a sophomore Pledge-day nothing has yet been decided.

Three of our upperclassmen enjoyed an alumnæ meeting at the home of Mrs. Kerlin this week. Theta alumnæ were kind enough to advise us in regard to our attitude toward sophomore Pledge-day; while our delegate to the 1911 convention gained much from an interesting debate on the question of extension.

9 February 1911

Theresa D. Spackman

'00 Caroline Comly Harris (Mrs E. S.) announces the birth of a daughter, Eileen Stuart.

'04 Anna Wolff Miller (Mrs Stanley) and daughter, are visiting Mr and Mrs Wolff in Philadelphia.

'09 Sara Hawkins has announced her engagement to Paul Freeman, of Philadelphia.

'10 Anna Griscom left in Feb. for a trip through the western states.

'11 Gertrude Hoopes was married Dec. 17, 1910 to Walter McCarthy of Princeton university.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma celebrated Founders'-day by a dinner at Worthington, a small suburban town. After dinner the alumnæ gave a comic opera parody on *Julius Caesar*, which was screamingly funny and immensely enjoyed by us all.

A few weeks ago Lambda Alpha, a recent local fraternity, entertained with a house warming at their new chapter house. Invitations were extended to members of the faculty, all women's and men's fraternities, and many others. They received some very beautiful gifts which will greatly add to their house. This is the first girls' fraternity house to be established at Ohio State. Let us hope Theta may soon follow!

The date for regular initiation has been set for February 18, at which we hope to have all of our alumnae present. After initiation dinner will be served by the ladies of one of the local churches. Special initiation was held for Ann Bronson on February 2. She is recovering nicely from her recent illness but we regret very much that she will be unable to return this year.

The Girls' glee club of Ohio State will give a concert February 17. Two Thetas, Ada May and Helen Barnhil will participate.

The Strollers, the dramatic organization of the university, will present the *Schoolmistress* at the Southern Theater March 24. We also have two Thetas participating in this, and one of them has the title role.

The girls' dormitory, Apley Hall, was the scene of great festivities February 11. The girls entertained President Taft at dinner on that evening. The President spoke in Columbus at the "Corn show." He afterwards went to Apley Hall where all the girls had an opportunity of meeting him.

'08 Grace Cockins has announced her engagement to William Brown, Φ Δ Θ. The marriage will take place in June.

Mary Bohannen's engagement to Prof Chub of Ohio state university has been announced.

Alpha Gamma chapter sympathizes deeply with Ruth Evans in the loss of her father, whose death occurred Jan. 27.

Florence Durstine sailed for Europe early in Feb.

Elizabeth Chamberlain's new address is: 626 S. Prospect ave. Tacoma, Wash.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Our last letter was written in the midst of rushing season, but Pledge-day has come and gone, giving us four dandy pledges. Alpha Delta takes great pride in introducing them—Elinor Annon of Clarksburg, West Virginia, Alice White of Buffalo, New York, Dorothy Wilson and Nathalie Hensel, both of Baltimore. As we must wait until after mid-year reports before initiating them they are still pledges. But initiation will be in the very near future.

We celebrated Founders'-day very loyally. Phi alumnae chapter, a number of Thetas from Washington, some Baltimore Thetas who are not members of the alumnae chapter, and all Alpha Delta went down to the Dutch tea room for luncheon. At each plate was a dainty little place-card painted with pansies. After luncheon a number of us showed the alumnae our cozy corner in the hall, we were much pleased with our visitors' admiration of Theta headquarters. In the evening we had a chafing dish party in the cozy corner and had the best kind of a time, in spite of the fact, that the welsh rabbit was stringy. So, you see, we put in a rather good day of it, so good, that we wish Founders'-day came oftener than once a year.

Several of the out-of-town girls who have been boarding in the city this past term, are coming back to Fensel hall to live, and our freshmen in Glitner hall are also going to move to Fensel. We shall all be together once more and I am sure, it will be so much nicer. Dorothy Davis, one of our girls whose home is in the city, has tea for us all every Sunday afternoon. It is so nice especially for the Hall girls, since we get away from college and do not feel as though we had to talk "shop."

Our college has had its big basketball game. The sophomores and seniors played for the championship. It was a rather close game, but in the end, the seniors won the cup and their "Gs".

31 January 1911

Mary Wilson

'06 The engagement of Nell Miller and R. Miller, M. D. Z Ψ, is announced. At present Dr Miller is an interne at Johns Hopkins hospital.

'07 Christie Dulaney will leave for California this Feb. where she will spend some time.

'10-ex Mr and Mrs Evan Pusey announce the engagement of their daughter Nancy Lane to Fred C. Taylor, University of Illinois 1907, B Θ II.

'10-ex Meta McClelland is spending the winter in Cal. She stopped

at Chicago to see Nancy Nulton Larrick, and she also spent a short time with Edna White Angell in Seattle.

'11 Alice Ward spent her Christmas vacation in Philadelphia with her sister of Tau, and her parents.

'11 Allegra Covey spent her Christmas vacation with Anna Payne, '13 at Liberty, N. Y. They were entertained by Mrs Carrie Lowell Sarles at a Theta thimble party. They were also entertained by Mrs Millie Sarles Payne.

'13 Marjorie A. Day will spend Junior Week at Cornell univ. the first of Feb.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

On the evening of January 4 we gave our college dance and entertainment—a concert by the M. I. T. glee club. Both the concert and dance were held in the Churchill house, and were successful in every way. Among the patronesses were Mrs. William Faunce, Lida Shaw King, Harriet Haskell Mac Donald, Kappa, and Nannine La Villa Meiklejohn, Iota.

We wish to introduce the fraternity to three new members, Cornelia Fill '13, of Springfield, Massachusetts, Hazel Fowler '13, of Newburyford, Massachusetts, and Elva Lake '13, of Fall River, Massachusetts. Hazel Fowler was pledged January 14, and January 20 we had initiation and dinner. At the dinner, the toast-mistress was Marjorie Wood '11, and Laura Sherman '06 responded with a welcome to the initiates, Lelia Tucker '10 told us about the good times of last summer's house-party, and Mary Sansom, Mu, gave us an interesting description of college and chapter life at Allegheny.

At the kind invitation of Mrs. Iva Berkey Stidger and Mary Sansom of Mu the girls of Alpha Epsilon passed a delightful afternoon and evening at East Greenwich. We made a "personally conducted" tour through the buildings, admired the view of Naragansett bay, cheered at a basketball game and finally gathered about the fireplace in Miss Sansom's reception room where supper was served. Another pleasant evening was spent with Blanche Smith '07, on Founders'-day. Mary Leon-

ard '99, a charter member, told us the history of Alpha Epsilon.

The Komian Sub-freshman play, *The college ball*, was given January 21, Beth Brown '12, playing the part of Tom Bradford, the hero. Arline Field '11 was coach. Last month a new order of chapel service was begun in the Woman's college, in which a choir of eight, selected and drilled by Professor Mac Dougall of Wellesley, assists.

4 February 1911

Ann E. Thomas

'99 Born in Dec. to Mr and Mrs Prince Tyrell (Mary Wilbur) of South Weymouth, Mass. a son.

'07 Zerrie Huntsman Meader will move to Attleboro, Mass. where Mr Meader is trustee of an Attleboro bank.

Among the alumnae present at the dance were Martha Briggs Hood '97, Hannah Heaton '04, Louise Towle '04, Laura Sherman '06, Lillian Osler ex-'08, Carol Phillips '08, Agnes Jonas '09, Gertrude Allen '10, and Leila Tucker '10.

The alumnae at the initiation were Mary Leonard '99, Lillian Gamwell Moulton '02, Ella Pollard Thompson '02, Maud Warren Wilmarth '02, Irene Seabury ex-'03, Flora Cotton '04, Hannah Heaton '04, Alice Kimball ex-'06, Laura Sherman '06, Blanche Smith '07, Dorothea Cotton Delabarre ex-'08, Mabel Guile ex-'09, Agnes Jonas '09, Gertrude Allen '10, and Leila Tucker '10.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

As Alpha Zeta's last letter went to the editor on the eve of Pledge-day, the good news of our success is only now forthcoming. Of the seven invitations sent out, all but one were at once accepted—the refusal coming from a Smith transfer who has never fully approved of fraternal organizations.

We are glad indeed to introduce our new sisters, all of whom we have known so long and so well that it seems strange their names should be unfamiliar to you—Marguerite Allen—sister of Louise Allen Johnston—Natalie Armstrong—sister of Leonora Armstrong—Nancy Bell, Sarah Davis, Daisy Holt and Katherine Noble. A first trial of the pledge service proved so successful that it will continue in use. Initiation at the home of

Evelyn Holt, was notable both for its beauty and for the splendid attendance of alumnæ as well as active members. That two initiates were detained by serious illness was our one disappointment, but they have since been added to the ranks of bona fide Thetas.

We are always so glad to have our initiates with us in time for Founders'-day. This year, as last, we celebrated with Alpha Kappa and Gamma alumnæ—seventy-eight of us lunching at the Marie Antoinette. Gamma alumnæ represents so many chapters of the fraternity that to meet with it effects the same quality of inspiration as convention, and we feel that it is about the best possible function to follow initiation.

Barnard is beginning a new era in the matter of administration, substituting for the former single executive office of dean—two executive offices—that of provost, held by former acting dean W. T. Brewster—and that of dean, held by Virginia C. Gildersleeve. The creation of a double executive office, added to the fact that the new dean is an ardent fraternity woman as well as an alumna of Barnard, makes the situation a novel one for both alumnæ and undergraduates.

Being so far east and having so many sister chapters near by, we are a bit disappointed at convention news, but California has surely long waited her turn, and we shall hope for better success with our invitation next time.

Meanwhile we send hearty wishes that prosperity and happiness may follow you all, throughout the year.

February 1911

Louie Estelle Johnson

'09 Evelyn Holt has returned from a trip to Colo. and Cal.

'11-ex Mrs Edwin C. Johnston (Louise Allen) has returned from her wedding trip in Italy and is reentering Barnard to complete her course.

'11-ex Katherine Hamilton Sickles will be married to Horace Lyon, Monday, April 17.

'12-ex Nina Dakin has announced her engagement to Harry Horn, of Staten Island.

'12-ex Mr and Mrs Ralph Lyon (Hazel Knox Bristol) are at Miami, Fla.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Just after Thanksgiving a long talked of organization came into existence—the Vanderbilt dramatic club. The first performance, George Ade's delightful comedy, *The college widow*, was presented at the Vendome theater December 19. Three of our girls had important roles. Eleanor Richardson took the part of Bessie Tanner, Ada Raines that of Josephine Barclay, and Margaret Slemmons, that of Flora Higgins. The play was such a success that the Dramatic club has been requested to repeat it February 10, for the benefit of the Vanderbilt organ fund.

One pleasant feature of this new organization was the banquet given by the club at Luigart's since the holidays. Toasts were given by the chancellor and others; among the most charming a toast in verse to *The gentlemen of the east* by Eleanor Richardson.

Heretofore we have had to postpone our celebration of Founders'-day until after examinations. But this year we decided to celebrate Theta's birthday on that birthday. Miss Stella Vaughn, whom you all know as our district secretary and who is a charter member of Alpha Eta, invited the chapter and all alumnae in town to a delightful informal banquet at the chapter house.

The decorations were all black and gold and many Theta songs were sung. There were toasts too: first from the alumnae by Penelope McDuffie, next Ada Raines from the senior class, Lamar Ryals from the juniors, who took for her toast *Miss Stella*, Corinne Gladding from the sophomores, and Frances McLester from the freshmen. As a beautiful climax to our happiness, Miss Stella announced she had a surprise for us, and presented to Alpha Eta a silver loving-cup from the alumnae. Many other lovely presents were given us on this birthday.

The Varsity basketball team has been organized with three Thetas wearing the "V;" Eleanor Richardson, captain, Ada

Raines and Lamar Ryals. We hope to have an exciting season.

We have been unusually fortunate this year in hearing fine music. Up to this time, we have had at the university Homer, Gadski, Schumann-Heink, and Francis McMillen.

28 January 1911

Mattie May Morgan

'99 Frances Jackson Donaldson (Mrs H. I.) has moved from El Paso, Tex, to Paragould, Ark. her old home.

'01 Eleanor Buford Jones (Mrs Herbert) is visiting her parents in Nashville.

'02 Born, Dec. 25, a son, to Mr and Mrs C. O. Tuttle (Daisy Hemp-hill.)

'02 Josephine Link Duke (Mrs J. T.) is living in Ashland City, Tenn.

'05 Laura Hayes, who took her M. A. at the university of Chicago last year, is teaching in that city and is affiliated with Delta alumnae.

'06 Rachel Crook spent last year abroad and is now teaching at Fayette, Idaho.

'06-ex Josephine Munford is teaching music at the Colonial school for girls, Washington, D. C. She recently gave a recital which won great praise from the press.

'06 Louise Bangs Fisher (Mrs John) has just returned to her home in Ashland, Va. after a three weeks visit to her parents in Nashville.

'07 Mary Lipe is in Boston attending the Leland Power's school of the spoken word.

'07 Rosa Ambrose Doud (Mrs R. B.) was in Nashville for a short visit since the holidays.

'07 Sophia Ambrose Burns (Mrs Lloyd) is living in Ft. Worth, Tex.

'07-ex Marjorie Harrison is teaching science in Morristown, N. J.

'08-ex Annie Mason is living with her aunt in Biloxi, Miss. and is teaching in the high school there.

'12-ex Bernice Kaufman is visiting at Perth-Amboy, N. J.

ALPHA THETA—TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Theta girls turned their backs on home and holidays January 3, and found their way back to Austin. On the Wednesday following, our annual Christmas tree was held—ably managed by the freshmen. As has been the custom of Alpha Theta no substantial gifts were placed upon the tree for the girls—only those of fun-making nature. Instead

several useful gifts were given the house—two chairs, two brass jardiniers, an umbrella stand, brass candlesticks, and other small gifts.

In December, we were afforded the opportunity of hearing Prof. John Lomax, director of the Department of extension in the university, give a lecture on his *Cowboy songs*—a collection of characteristic songs of the plains of the Southwest.

Prof. John Lyons Phelps of Yale gave an interesting lecture also on the *Modern novel*.

In the latter part of January, various people interested in charitable and correctional work met at the University of Texas to effect the permanent organization of a state conference of charities and corrections. At the same time a sectional conference of the Young Women's Christian association was held. A number of Thetas are interested in this work. Ethel Rather, who is chairman of the Student department of the executive committee, presided at these meetings.

Mrs. Bertha Kuntz-Baker gave a reading of *Chantecler* January 24 under the supervision of Sidney Lanier society.

In honor of Founders'-day, Alpha Theta freshmen gave a stunt-party. This has been a custom, but this stunt-party was unusually clever, and the freshmen spared themselves no effort. There were eight or ten specialties—as it was on the vaudeville style—and every Theta came in for her share of the fun. After the last act, our freshmen hostesses served refreshments, then upperclassmen and freshmen alike joined in Theta songs.

We are glad to introduce as our pledge Cornelia Keasberg of Austin.

2 February 1911

Elaine Lewis

'13 Blake Gibbs was called home Jan. 4 on account of the death of her mother. All the girls deeply sympathize with her in her bereavement.

'07 Sadie Kell of Wichita Falls and Lida Nash recently visited us.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Founders'-day was celebrated January 28, when we initiated three freshmen, Irma Gruner, Dorothy Samuel, and Eva Morrison. After the initiation there was a party for the active and alumnæ Thetas.

Our next large affair is the Colonial tea given on Washington's birthday. This is an annual affair, given for the faculty and students of the university and we are all eagerly awaiting it. This year the tea will be at the home of Olive Koken.

The Thyrsus dramatic club's annual play is to be given in March. The play is *The professor's love story*. Carrie Scott is to have a leading part.

The 1910 senior play, *Quadrangle town*, is to be presented again for the benefit of the Athletic association. We are all hoping that it will be a great success.

One of the Theta patronesses, Mrs. D. F. Houston, the wife of our Chancellor, entertained Alpha Iota with a tea on February 1.

At present we are very busy with rushing parties since Pledge-day the second term is February 11, and thus we have only two weeks for rushing.

5 February 1911

Elsie M. Hoolan

'09-ex Frances Dawson has announced her engagement to Herbert Rhodes, K Σ.

'09 Mildred Spargo is taking a postgraduate course in botany at the Missouri botanical gardens, a branch of Washington university.

'09 Clara Nipher has moved from St. Louis to Kirkwood, Mo.

'09 Caroline Steinberger was married Dec. 24 to M. C. Emanuel, Washington '06.

'10-ex Dorothea Marsh is now teaching domestic science in St. Louis.

'10 Margaret Thompson is teaching in Marble, Minn.

'10 Mary Glasgow is teaching in Webster Grove, Mo.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

This winter we have enjoyed having our rooms at the home of Mrs. Wilson, one of our alumnæ members. The rooms are

very pleasant and we appreciate Mrs. Wilson's kindness in allowing us the use of them.

Founders'-day banquet was celebrated January 14. A large number of Alpha Kappa were present at this banquet. Caroline Sutpin '10, and Marion Sukeforth '11 gave toasts. Edna Stoughton ex-'09 designed and painted the place-cards.

On January 6 we initiated two freshmen, Laura Hangaard and Estelle Saux. We were very glad to have with us Miss Titus of Alpha Beta, our district president, and Mrs. Imperatori of Chi.

Our college play is to be given on aMrch 4. It is *School for scandal*. Marguerite Sutpin '12 and Laura Hangaard '14 both have important parts.

Alpha Kappa is very busy planning for a house-party to be given over Lincoln's birthday at Port Jervis. We hope to have a great many of our alumnæ girls with us and are looking forward, with enthusiasm, to a jolly time.

30 January 1911

Dorothy H. Andrews

'04 Born to Mr and Mrs E. C. Seed (Josephine Kelly) a son, John Steward.

'04 Bertha Graf has moved to Metuchen, N. J. and is teaching in the high school there.

'09-ex Lieut and Mrs W. I. Grant (Marjorie Commisky) are visiting in Brooklyn.

'09 Edna Reilly is convalescing after an attack of scarlet fever.

'10-ex Erene Figueria Correa (Mrs Rudolph) has moved to 615 8th ave. Brooklyn.

'11-ex Betty De Voy is traveling abroad.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

We are glad to announce that all of our freshmen made the required twelve credits, and were initiated at the chapter house February 7. The initiation banquet was held at the Hotel Washington annex, with Nellie May Dunlap as toast-mistress. Alumnæ were present from fifteen chapters; and their en-

thusiasm and loyalty to Theta made us proud indeed to renew our Thetahood with them.

Founders'-day was celebrated by a luncheon which Mrs. Charles Harris, Alpha Gamma, gave for the college and alumnae chapters at the Hotel Knickerbocker. More than forty Thetas attended, and we all had the jolliest time imaginable. Our freshmen also commemorated Founders'-day by presenting the chapter with a handsome guest book. Chi may be interested in knowing that Eleanor Wesco McCroskey was the first to sign it.

Alpha Lambda seems to have turned suffragette in the last few weeks. Seattle is trying woman's suffrage for the first time, in a recall election. This is really a crisis in the civic betterment and welfare of the city, and the outcome will mean so much to the university that everyone is intensely interested. So every Theta who had reached the "years of discretion" marched proudly down to the registration booth, oblivious to mankind's derisive hoots; and February 10 they will have the novel sensation of really voting.

Lucy Sherwood Horton

'10 Irene Patton was married Feb. 11 to Alton Cooper, Σ X. Address: Fravel, Wash.

'11-ex In Portland Jan. 23, Irene Sommerville was married to Kenneth Durham, Φ Δ Θ.

'11-ex and '12-ex Dorothy and Clara Dean are traveling in Cal.

'13 Ruth Sleicher is very ill with typhoid fever at her home in Chehalis.

Mrs. Sevilla Cleveland Axtell, Alpha, came from Bellingham to witness the initiation of her daughter, Ruth.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

It is good to think of the Christmas holidays, of our last frolic together before vacation and of the joys of reunion when the vacation ended. December 22 we had our Christmas dinner and Christmas tree. The plan followed last year of

the chapter's giving each girl one present was departed from and every girl contributed her share toward a Christmas present for the house. The committee has not yet decided between linen and silverware.

December 12 we initiated four new members—Temple Kean, Pearl Pinkel, Ethel Sennott and Katherine Gentry.

Last Friday each one wore her colors in honor of Theta's birthday. Our banquet is to be February 12, which is Alpha Mu's birthday also. We expect Frances Mason and Ruby Ritchie to come for that occasion.

Our plans are made for the rushing of second semester. We will give a dinner-dance and an afternoon tea. Mary Anderson Summers, Mary Williams and Julietta Zeitz will be here to help us.

29 January 1911

Louise Marbut.

'08 Charlotte Talpey was married to Mr Lawrence Potts Dec. 27. They will be at home in Snyder, Okla.

'11-ex Ruby Ritchie's engagement to Mr Samuel Sharpe has been announced.

Nell Farley and Archie Cook were recent visitors at the chapter house.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Alpha Nu greets the new semester with joy at welcoming back two of our girls who are to graduate in June, Florence Averill of Townsend and Florence Catlin of Anaconda. Isma Eidell, Helena, leaves us until May. She has enough credits to graduate now, and will be at home until time for the commencement festivities. By a new rule there is posted a list of students whose work for the semester has been half A or A+ and all above B. Five of our members are on the Honor roll which includes only thirty-six girls.

On December 15 Carrie Hardenburgh became Mrs. Ralph Gilham. The night before the wedding, we gave a banquet in our rooms, in her honor at which we presented her with

Kappa Alpha Theta teaspoons. Mrs. Gilham is living in Radesburg, Montana, where Mr. Gilham has a position in the mines.

This semester we have been entertaining once a week with an informal tea and kensington. We intend to make these weekly teas a permanent custom. Their purpose is to broaden our views and interests. We found that we were becoming too conservative, too much wrapped up in ourselves and each other. With one afternoon in the week set apart for entertaining the women students we hope to come in closer touch with college through those students whom we do not know very well. Our rooms are not very large and so we necessarily have to limit our numbers, but we expect by the end of the term to have entertained all of the women students as well as the faculty women and wives.

Friday, February 3 comes the Athletic ball at which the university entertains in honor of its athletic teams. It is one of the most formal and altogether grand affairs of the college year. This time we will celebrate in addition, the winning of the state football championship.

We celebrated Founders'-day with a banquet at one of Missoula's hotels, with a vaudeville party afterward.

1 February 1911

Louise E. Smith

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The freshman dance February 17 will be the first festivity of the second semester. As Alpha Xi has eight very influential freshmen she has had a good part in the preparations.

We celebrated Founders'-day with an elegantly appointed dinner at the Osbourne hotel. Twenty-five Thetas from four different chapters were present at the table. Thetas from Phi, Upsilon, Psi, and Alpha Xi responded to toasts and joined enthusiastically in the singing of Theta songs. Probably the most appropriate presents received were a set of silver butter

knives from the juniors and a handsome brass doorplate from the local alumnæ.

Our plans for a Theta week-end later in the spring are rapidly materializing and we expect it will be a great success. We are counting on entertaining our prospectives, friends, and alumnæ. Our formal dance will be given Saturday night of that week-end.

The local alumnæ are helping the active chapter with the work for fraternity examinations and Alpha Xi expects to raise the standard of our previous year.

3 February 1911

Cornelia Ann Pinkham

'12 Willetta Wright is at her home in Albany convalescing from a severe illness.

'12 Mildred Bagley is vice-president of Y. W. C. A. and critic of Eutopian.

'14 Lila Lengstake is assistant secretary of Eutopian literary society, this being the only position which a freshman may hold.

'14 Bess Cowden is a member of the Art committee of the Y. W. C. A.

'14 Eleanor McClaine is a member of the executive committee of the freshman class and chairman of the music committee for the Freshman glee.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Greetings from Alpha Omicron for the new semester. University prospects for 1911 are fine. Our new administration building is nearing completion and (whisper it not) *we may* have a new building for our ambitious lawyer students.

Only the other evening the semi-annual students' reception was held in the gymnasium, and the crowd "out Heroded Herod" in numbers and in furnishing amusement.

During the days of idleness between terms, we have not been idle. We have been planning for the coming rushing season. According to our Panhellenic rules, "new" girls can not be asked to join any fraternity until after a two weeks rush, "old" girls may be pledged at any time after matriculation day

(January 30). Hence, we have been forced to manage two situations, and I must say, that we have managed beautifully.

On the evening of January 30 we pledged Grace Millar—a sister of Maud and Merl Millar—Mary Virgin—a niece of Mrs. Hays, our patroness—and Ida Agnes Pyle of Houston, Texas. On the 31st we pledged Luella Bretch, of Hobart. For the second part of our campaign, that is, for rushing the new girls, we have been helped by our patronesses. Mrs. Paxton has given a thimble party, Mrs. Hayes has entertained, and Mrs. Duvall is planning a breakfast in our honor.

Today, February 1, we had our fourth open house. Mrs. Patrick, Psi, was with us, and Mrs. Bozell, our new patroness from Washburn, stood in the receiving line for the first time.

We have been forced to postpone our birthday party. We have received several gifts, however,—a beautiful embroidered centerpiece from Mrs. Patrick, one from Margery Paxton, a cream ladle from Mrs. Edwards, also one from Anna Higginbotham, and a set of cups from Louisa Brooke. Three of our alumnae members, Adelaide Loomis, Merle Newby, and Nina Bessant are planning a novel birthday gift to the chapter. They will give a small pin, with the Theta coat-of-arms, to each of our eight patronesses. These pins are to be returned to the chapter when any of the patronesses move from Norman.

We cannot say good-bye to our sister chapters without speaking of our sorrow at the loss of Ruth MacLaren, whose family has moved to Oregon, and of May Melvin, who takes her A. B. degree this semester; however, Miss Melvin will return in June, to graduate with her class.

1 February 1911

Eva Daves

'06 Nancy Longnecker was a guest at Pledge-service.

'07 Nell Goodrich DeGolyer (Mrs N. V.) who has been living in Mexico since her marriage, is visiting her parents in Norman.

'09 Yetta Alden, who has been teaching at Montian View, is ill with typhoid.

Fanny Haynes is teaching English in McAlester high school.

Margery Paxton is teaching in Clarksville, Mo.

Dora Engler, Eta Beta Pi, who has been living in San Diego, Calif. is coming to be a Theta this semester.

Julia Meier and Merl Newby will go on the University concert tour.

Ruth MacLaren has gone to Oregon state university, where her father will be a member of the medical faculty.

Recent visitors to Alpha Omicron were Maude Dean, Alpha Mu, Anne Fisher, Alpha Iota and Mrs Patrick, Psi.

Nellie Robinson Milan (Mrs C. H.) is living at 2029 College ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

GAMMA ALUMNAE—NEW YORK CITY

Founders'-day was celebrated by Gamma alumnae on Saturday, January 14, 1911, by a breakfast at the Hotel Marie Antoinette. Eighty-one Thetas were present, representing the chapters at Barnard, Adelphi, Vermont, Syracuse, Cornell, Swarthmore, Brown, Albion, Oklahoma, Baltimore, Michigan and Ohio State, among others. The place-cards were little black and gold ladies, each of whom wore the favors, gold pins engraved K A Θ. The committee included: Chairman, Mrs. Suzanna Sands Imperatori, Alpha Delta, Mary Alice Boyd, Alpha Omicron, Adeline C. Kiep, Iota, Edna Stoughton, Alpha Kappa, Miriam Slocum, Alpha Epsilon, Caroline D. Hall, Alpha Zeta, Ethel M. Albertson, Alpha Beta, Ruth Childs, Alpha Zeta. Mrs. Lucille Baldwin Van Slyke, Chi, acted as toast-mistress. The toasts, *A symposium of things frivolous*, were responded to by Mary W. Titus, president of Alpha Beta district, Mrs. Agnes White Holt, Iota, Caroline Stupin, Alpha Kappa, Mrs. Florence Lowther, Alpha Zeta, and Mrs. Iva Lowther Peters, Chi, among others. During the afternoon there was a charming musical program arranged by Miss May Johnson of Alpha Delta which included numbers by Miss May Johnson, Miss Louie Johnson, Miss Adelaide Kolbe and others. The two active chapters of New York have met with Gamma alumnae on this occasion for the past two years. The experiment has proven delightfully successful, and will be continued. Gamma alumnae is fortunate in having among her

members representatives of so many chapters of both east and west. Aurelia Reynaud, Eva Capron Wilson, and Mary Braman were missed, but we hope they will be with us soon again.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS

It was once said of an enterprising lady, doubtless a Theta, that given a shoe-string and an idea she could create a most beautiful bonnet; in like manner, given the idea and some Thetas to carry it out, many enjoyable and profitable afternoons have been spent by Zeta alumnae this winter; and with the old time politician, "we point with pride," to the several instances of Theta's versatility and charming willingness to make our meetings a success.

At our first meeting, in September, we took to the woods, the call of the wild still being strong upon us. A more delightful meeting place can not be imagined than that of the Mutual service association, which is located near the edge of the city in the midst of a beautiful grove. The meeting was informal and the general idea of "A Picnic," which the committee had in mind, was carried out in detail, especially in the lunch feature, which was most picknicky in character, minus the red ant and mashed pie usually incident to such occasions.

Our next meeting was President's day, with our new president, Mrs. John Freeman, whose great executive ability, tireless energy, and beautiful personality, has made us wonder, if a specially prepared type of woman wasn't held in reserve by nature for such offices. The club was fortunate in having as its guest Miss Augusta Stevenson of New York, a Theta of whom we are all proud and who is doing some unusually meritorious work in dramatization. Miss Stevenson read selections from her popular new book—*Dramatization from classical stories*.

An unusual program was given at the November meeting with Mrs. Wier, "Travey Tales" were in order and a regular old

time experience meeting was held by the Thetas who had been abroad and the many who had journeyed nearer home. We became hilarious over the experiences of Miss Knox in Brown county, Miss Philputt in Spain and Mrs. Foster Smith in Colorado, then with Mrs. Bertram Day's most beautiful description of a sunrise on Mt. Reggei we felt indeed that it was good to be here.

Our December meeting was "Guest day." We were particularly fortunate in having the meeting with Elizabeth Daugherty, for the house seemed to have been planned especially for this Theta program and every detail was perfect. The program in the capable hands of Mrs. Roscoe Ritter was delightful. There were "Living pictures," illustrating, *The days of the week*, Studies from Christy, Fisher, Mueller and Gibson. We felt the superiority of Theta even in the charming Theta children who assisted us. The last picture was a genuine Santa Claus, and of course we guessed Mrs. Lockridge, who came to life and presented each one with a candy cane. Mrs. William Sandy of Alpha sang several beautiful solos.

Emulating the wisdom of the early bird, Theta held a Spring millinery opening at her January meeting with Mrs. Day. Such wonderful creations as were constructed from two sheets of tissue paper can hardly be imagined. After long deliberation, two prizes were awarded, a hat pin and the song *Put on your old gray bonnet*.

We are eagerly looking forward to Founders'-day luncheon at the Columbia club. Being the central chapter, with four others so close at hand, we always have a large and very enthusiastic reunion. The committee in charge is Mrs. John Freeman, Mrs. Roscoe Ritter, Miss Knox, Miss Daugherty and Mrs. George Witt. Zeta alumnae is again favored by having as an active member Mrs. Rosa Redding Mikels who will act as toast-mistress.

And now Zeta alumnae sends you the wish of Charles

Dickens. "That the New Year may be a happy one to you, happy to the many more whose happiness depends on you, so may each New Year be happier than the last."

20 January 1911

Elizabeth R. Witt

PI ALUMNAE—TOPEKA

We have not been figuring as largely in the JOURNAL this year as our splendid opinion of ourselves would warrant—for a variety of reasons. Our meetings are rather infrequent and have a fashion of coming too near the date when chapter letters must be already in the hands of our JOURNAL editor. One letter chronicling the delightful way in which we were entertained by one of our new members, Mrs. Clyde Miller, came to grief in the very act of being printed—and thereby hangs a tale. We were next entertained by three of our members at the home of Mrs. Guilford Dudley. Our January meeting is to be omitted that we may loyally attend the Founders'-day banquet with Kappa chapter at K. U. A number of us went down last year and had a fine time.

Pi alumnae invited Kappa chapter and the Theta alumnae of Lawrence to a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Watson, February 10. Although not many were able to come it was a delightful affair in every way and one we hope to repeat.

And so it goes. Not very much to show for ourselves, perhaps, but with increasing good will toward and enthusiasm for good old Kappa Alpha Theta.

18 January 1911

Jessie Wright Whitcomb

PHI ALUMNAE—BALTIMORE, MD.

Phi alumnae chapter celebrated Founders'-day by a luncheon at the Dutch tea room. We were fortunate to have as guests the active chapter at Goucher, with the four pledges, and also a number of out of town Thetas. All winter Phi alumnae has been trying to get in touch with the Washington Thetas, and

we felt very much pleased when ten of them accepted our invitation to our Founders'-day luncheon. The chapters represented, in addition to Phi alumnae and Alpha Delta were: Tau, Mrs. Jesse Wilson; Beta, Mrs. E. F. Geyer; Kappa, Mrs. Herbert Bailey; Lambda, Miss Clara Wilson; Mu, Miss Lettie Johnston; Psi, Mrs. R. T. Smith, Jr; Alpha Beta, Mrs. J. D. Hull, Mrs. John Harper, Mrs. Marden, and Misses Marjorie Mathews, Mary Curtiss, and Mary Pierce; Alpha Gamma, Miss Anna Prall; Epsilon, Mrs. Paul Hickok, Mrs. Ruth E. Crooks. Altogether there were forty Thetas present.

Phi Alumnae

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ALPHA EPSILON—1898 Brown university—Mildred Bishop, 118 Cushing st. Providence, R. I.
ALPHA ZETA—1898 Barnard college—Mary B. Shaw, 512 W. 149th st. New York city.
ALPHA KAPPA—1907 Adelphi college—Marie A. Balmanno, 591 5th st. Brooklyn, N. Y.

BETA ALPHA DISTRICT

- District president*—IDA OVERSTREET, 420 Anderson st. Greencastle, Ind.
ALPHA—1870 DePauw university—Julia B. Cole, Theta House, Greencastle, Ind.
BETA—1870 Indiana state university—Irene Shepard, Theta House, Bloomington, Ind.
GAMMA—1874 Butler college—Mary C. Bragg, 23 S. Irvington ave. Indianapolis, Ind.
ALPHA ETA—1904 Vanderbilt university—Ada Raines, 314 24th ave. S. Nashville, Tenn.

BETA BETA DISTRICT

- District president*—CHARLOTTE H. WALKER, Box 613, Kenilworth, Ill.
EPSILON—1875 Wooster university—Grace A. Knoche, Holden hall, Wooster, Ohio.
ETA—1879 University of Michigan—Katharine M. Sherwood, 718 S. Ingalls st. Ann Arbor, Mich.
MU—1881 Allegheny college—Augusta Gibbons, Hulings hall, Meadville, Pa.

ALPHA GAMMA—1892 Ohio state university—Marion McAllister, 205 Woodland ave. Columbus, Ohio.

DELTA ALPHA DISTRICT

District president—CLARA FANNING, 1107 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minn.

DELTA—1875 University of Illinois—Cornelia Mather, 901 S. Wright st. Champaign, Ill.

TAU—1887 Northwestern university—Helen Crawley, 4647 Magnolia ave. Chicago, Ill.

UPSILON—1889 University of Minnesota—Dorothy Loyhed, K A Θ House, 215 9th ave. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

PSI—1890 University of Wisconsin—Olive M. Simpson, 823 Irving Place, Madison, Wis.

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District president—MARTHA CLINE HUFFMAN (Mrs. Y. B.) Clifton, Col. KAPPA—1881 University of Kansas—Carrie Calhoun, 1247 Ohio st. Lawrence, Kan.

RHO—1887 University of Nebraska—Ellen M. Kingsley, 423 N. 13th st. Lincoln, Neb.

ALPHA IOTA—1906 Washington university—Carrie Noel Scott, Washington university, St. Louis, Mo.

ALPHA MU—1909 University of Missouri—Eloise Bramlitt, K A Θ House, Columbia, Mo.

DELTA GAMMA DISTRICT

District president—ETHEL SYKES, 2904 ave. K. Galveston, Texas.

ALPHA THETA—1904 University of Texas—Aileen Sykes, 2503 Whitis ave. Austin, Tex.

ALPHA OMICRON—1909 University of Oklahoma—Merl E. Millar, Norman, Okla.

GAMMA ALPHA DISTRICT

District president—MARY L. GILBERT, P. O. Box 392, Los Gatos, Calif.

PHI—1889 Stanford university—Alberta Hanna, Stanford university, Cal.

OMEGA—1890 University of California—Alice Earl, 2723 Durant ave. Berkeley, Cal.

GAMMA BETA DISTRICT

District president—JOSEPHINE MEISSNER, 4022 10th ave. N. E. University station, Seattle, Wash.

ALPHA LAMBDA—1908 University of Washington—Helen S. Blackburn, 5253 18th ave. N. E. Seattle, Wash.

ALPHA NU—1909 Montana state university—Lillian Williams, Woman's hall, Missoula, Mont.

ALPHA XI—1909 Oregon state university—Marjorie Holcomb, 12th & Hilyard sts. Eugene, Oreg.

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

ALPHA ALUMNAE—1893 Greencastle—Mabel O'Hair, 209 E. Seminary st. Greencastle, Ind.

BETA ALUMNAE—1895 Minneapolis—Elva Leonard, 1067-15th ave. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

GAMMA ALUMNAE—1895 New York City—Madeline Frost, 397 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DELTA ALUMNAE—1896 Chicago—Georgiana Gilbert, 5234 Woodlawn ave. Chicago, Ill.

EPSILON ALUMNAE—1897 Columbus—Grace Eagleson, 84 N. Ohio ave. Columbus, Ohio.

ZETA ALUMNAE—1897 Indianapolis—Elizabeth Dougherty, 550 N. Meridian st. Indianapolis, Ind.

ETA ALUMNAE—1898 Burlington—Mary Mills Deyett (Mrs. I. H.) Shelburne, Vt.

THETA ALUMNAE—1898 Philadelphia—Anne H. Bunting, Secane, Pa.

IOTA ALUMNAE—1901 Los Angeles—Hazel M. White, 465 Kingsley drive, Los Angeles, Cal.

KAPPA ALUMNAE—1902 Pittsburg—Grace A. Jenks, 547 Bayne ave. Bellevue, Pa.

MU ALUMNAE—1903 Cleveland—Lillian Gatch Randall (Mrs. J. E.) 2086 E. 96th st. Cleveland, Ohio.

NU ALUMNAE—1903 Syracuse—Marion Ferguson, 450 Westcott st. Syracuse, N. Y.

XI ALUMNAE—1903 Kansas City—Edith Barnett, 2640 Prospect ave. Kansas City, Mo.

OMICRON ALUMNAE—1908 Seattle—Mayme B. Miller, 4830 Alki ave. Seattle, Wash.

PI ALUMNAE—1909 Topeka—Mary W. Barkley, 720 Harrison st. Topeka, Kan.

RHO ALUMNAE—1900 Denver—Lucretia Whitehead, 1169 Lafayette st. Denver, Colo.

SIGMA ALUMNAE—1909 St. Louis—Clara Nipher, 441 Harrison ave. Kirkwood, Mo.

TAU ALUMNAE—1909 Lincoln—Helen Laws Avery (Mrs. Herbert) 44th & Randolph sts. Lincoln, Neb.

UPSILON ALUMNAE—1909 San Francisco—Mrs D. Y. Iddings, 130-9th ave. San Francisco, Calif.

PHI ALUMNAE—1910 Baltimore—Mary Ward, 1504 McCulloch st. Baltimore, Md.

CHI ALUMNAE—1910 Omaha—Zola Dellecker, 206 S. 34th st. Omaha, Neb.

PSI ALUMNAE—1910 Evanston—Gertrude Curme, 629 Colfax ave. Evanston, Ill.

(Promptly notify the Editor of any change in secretaries or addresses.)

ALUMNAE CHAPTER MEETINGS

ALPHA ALUMNAE, Greencastle, Ind.

Second Saturday of each month from September to May, at 2:30 P. M. at the homes of members.

BETA ALUMNAE, Minneapolis, Minn.

Upsilon's chapter house, 215 9th ave. S. E. on the second Friday of each month at 3 o'clock. All Thetas passing through Minneapolis or St. Paul are urged to call there or to notify Mildred Brown, 127 Clifton ave. Minneapolis.

GAMMA ALUMNAE, New York city.

First Saturday in the month from November to April inclusive, at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East 29th st. at 11:30 A. M. The chapter cordially welcomes any Kappa Alpha Theta in or about New York.

DELTA ALUMNAE, Chicago, Ill.

Third Saturday of each month from September to June, inclusive, at Marshall Field's tea room. Meeting at 10:30, luncheon at 12:30. All Thetas most welcome.

EPSILON ALUMNAE, Columbus, Ohio.

The first Saturday evening of each month at the homes of members. We shall be happy to welcome all Thetas at any of the meetings. Learn place of meeting from Mrs. H. S. Cashatt, Phone 3395 Citizens.

ZETA ALUMNAE, Indianapolis, Ind.

First Saturday afternoon of each month September to July at the homes of members. All visiting Thetas will be cordially welcomed. Place of meeting can be learned by telephoning Mrs. John Freeman, old telephone—or, Mrs. Roscoe Ritter—new telephone.

ETA ALUMNAE, Burlington, Vt.

At homes of members or at Lambda's chapter rooms, during the second week of each month from November to April inclusive, the day of the week being variable. All Thetas welcome. Ascertain time and place from Mrs. Hollis Gray, 84 N. Willard st.

THETA ALUMNAE, Philadelphia, Pa.

At 2:30 p. m. on the second Wednesday of each month from October to May, at the homes of members. All Thetas are cordially welcome. Ascertain place of meeting from Marion S. Comly; phone, Preston 3481.

IOTA ALUMNAE, Los Angeles, Calif.

Second Saturday of each month from October to June, inclusive, at 2:30 p. m. at the homes of the members. A cordial invitation is extended

to all visiting Thetas. Please notify Hazel White, 465 Kingsley Drive, whenever you are in Los Angeles.

KAPPA ALUMNAE, Pittsburg, Pa.

The first Saturday of each month, February excepted, at 2:30. All Thetas welcome. Ascertain place by calling up Mrs. C. E. Skinner, 684 R. Wilkins, or Dr. Ella Goff, 74 Cedar.

MU ALUMNAE, Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Saturday of the month from October to May inclusive at the homes of members. All Thetas most welcome.

NU ALUMNAE, Syracuse, N. Y.

Second Saturday afternoon of the month at the homes of members. A visiting Theta can always be sure of a hearty greeting from Nu alumnae. The place of meeting can be learned by telephoning to Marion Ferguson.

XI ALUMNAE, Kansas City, Mo.

Last Thursday of every month at the homes of members. Thetas in the vicinity will please notify Miss Edith Barnett, 2640 Prospect ave. Home phone: East 973.

OMICRON ALUMNAE, Seattle, Wash.

First Saturday in each month excepting July, August and September, at the homes of members. All Thetas in the city or visiting in Seattle are asked to attend these meetings. Visiting Thetas may find the place of meeting by asking the secretary, Mayme Miller, 4830 Alki ave.

PI ALUMNAE, Topeka, Kansas.

Fourth Saturday of every other month beginning with January. One o'clock luncheon. All visiting Thetas are cordially urged to make themselves known to us through our president Mrs. Dr. Bowen, 801 Western ave.

RHO ALUMNAE, Denver, Col.

Third Tuesday of every other month at homes of members. All Thetas are most welcome. For place of meeting telephone Mrs. Wm. E. Sweet, 1075 Humboldt st.

SIGMA ALUMNAE, St. Louis, Mo.

At 3:30 p. m. the last Wednesday of every month at homes of members. Visiting Thetas are cordially invited. Ascertain the place of meeting by calling, on Bell phone, Gladys Gruner, 3406 Hawthorne blvd.

TAU ALUMNAE, Lincoln, Neb.

Last Saturday of the month for one o'clock lunch at the Y. W. C. A. Visiting Thetas cordially welcomed.

UPSILON ALUMNAE, San Francisco, Calif.

Second Saturday of the month, at the homes of members. All Thetas welcome.

PHI ALUMNAE, Baltimore, Md.

Second Wednesday of each month in the fraternity rooms, 116 W. 23d st. Visiting Thetas are cordially urged to attend the meetings.